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ON ISSUE ABOUT \$5M LOCAL MATCH FOR MEDICAID

## 'Stop misinforming the public'

» Governor says Medicaid was never in jeopardy, CNMI will not be losing \$28M federal money

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Torres

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres describes it as "unfortunate that there are elected officials who go on social media and other platforms to not just misinform the community but steer uncertainty in our own people" about an alleged lack of \$5 million in local matching funds to the Commonwealth Medicaid Agency.

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## Deadline to file candidacies today

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As the window for filing candidacies for the upcoming 2022 general election comes to a close today, the Commonwealth Election Commission reports that over 87 individuals have already officially filed their candidacies.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla Igitol said last Monday that the last day to file candidacies, for those interested, will be today, Aug. 10.

As of last Monday, though, she said roughly 87 individuals have already filed their candidacies on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. She expects the number to grow before the end of this day.

Meanwhile, because the period to file candidacies is coming to an end, Igitol said

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### COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

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- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
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Source: Office of the Governor

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# Local



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, along with representatives and heads of the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Department of Public Works, Department of Finance, Marianas Visitors Authority, and Governor's Council of Economic Advisers, met Monday with top officials from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Aviation Administration to discuss the CNMI's needs and concerns with regard to transportation services.

## CNMI transportation needs, concerns in the spotlight

for taking the time to visit the CNMI to see for themselves possible areas of improvement and identify resources that may be beneficial as the CNMI actively works to revitalize our infrastructure and economy.

"I want to thank USDOT Federal Transit Administration Region IX Administrator, Mr. Ray Tellis for coming to the CNMI and witnessing the ribbon cutting ceremony for COTA's new administrative building and maintenance facility. These resources will help COTA continue to provide accessible, affordable, and quality assistance to those in our community who are in need of transportation," said Torres.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, along with representatives and ranking CNMI officials, met Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, with officials from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Aviation Administration to discuss the CNMI's needs and concerns with regards to transportation services.

Discussions involved the importance of accessibility via air transport into and within the CNMI, inclusive of transportation's impacts on local supply chains due to geographical distance and identified opportunities for growth, expansion, and efficiency for existing and potential CNMI industries. Additionally, in light of current fuel prices worldwide and in the Marianas, talks of the feasibility of electric transportation in the Commonwealth were discussed, including ferries and buses.

Torres thanked the visiting federal transportation officials

The CNMI agencies represented at the meeting were the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Department of Public Works, Department of Finance, Marianas Visitors Authority, and Governor's Council of Economic Advisers. (PR)

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### SINMI monthly meeting on Thursday

The Soroptimist International Chapter of the Northern Mariana Islands will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, Aug. 11, at noon at the 360 Restaurant. Join us to help continue our work for the "Best for Women" in the CNMI! The Club is accepting new members! Come and meet us and see what we are all about! (PR)

#### Free webinars on federal contracting

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering free webinars in August. Webinars run from 10am to 11:30am and will be conducted via Zoom. Links to the live webinar and the webinar evaluation will be emailed to all registered attendees 15 minutes before the start of the webinar.

■ Aug. 11 – Federal Contract Opportunities - SAM.gov is the portal for fed-

eral contract opportunities. The Guam PTAC will show you how to use the website to ensure you do not miss any opportunities. Opportunity types, search filters, and search strategies will be discussed.

■ Aug. 18 – Marketing to the Federal Government - The government buys products and services differently than the private sector. The Guam PTAC will discuss marketing strategies, essential documents, and how to get your company noticed by government buyers.

■ Aug. 25 – Teaming & Joint Ventures - What are they and which is right for your business? The Guam PTAC will discuss the Federal regulations related to these arrangements and discuss ways to use these arrangements effectively.

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# ESGR Week honors employers and US service personnel



Members of the ESGR in the CNMI, U.S. servicemen employers, and U.S. Army veterans pose for a picture alongside Gov. Ralph DLG Torres following the governor's signing of the ESGR Week proclamation Monday morning at the Governor's Office on Capital Hill.

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Members of the ESGR in the CNMI, U.S. servicemen employers, and U.S. Army veterans pose for a picture alongside lawmakers on Monday on Capital Hill.

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The week from Aug. 8 to Aug. 12, 2022, has been designated as the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week, to honor ESGR and the employers who support U.S. servicemen and women by providing them secure and readily available civilian jobs.

Gov. Ralph DL Torres signed Monday at his office the proclamation that makes the designation, saying, "The members of the Guard and Reserves contribute to the safety and security of our entire nation and their civilian employers are also on the frontlines of our security as they support them. The Commonwealth and the entire nation would not be the same without the ESGR and their many contributions to our community."

Monday's occasion was attended by volunteers and members of the ESGR on Saipan, Rose Igitol, Joshlyn Blas, CNMI Area committee chair Rita A. Sablan, and ESGR Ombudsman for the CNMI Joann Aquino, along with retired members of the U.S. Army, Col. Harry Blanco and Capt. Danny Aquino, and U.S. servicemen employers Patrick Cabrera and Cathy Attao-Toves, who also attended the Legislature's annual recognition ceremony for ESGR that same day at the Legislature's chamber.

The proclamation recognizes all employers who provide U.S. servicemen and women

with jobs that these individuals can return to after completing their service.

Blanco said the most important thing is for the community to understand the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, or USERRA law, which lists the rights of U.S. servicemen. Part of that law guarantees that members of the Guard and Reserve get to keep their civilian jobs even when on ac-

tive deployment. That allows them to focus on their mission, knowing full well that there is still a job waiting when they return home.

"The most important thing is making employers and service members understand the law that provides the support of service members to get special military leave from the government and the private sector," Blanco said.

Sablan said the ESGR has

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF: Civil Action No.:  
THE ESTATE OF: 21-0152-CV

RAYMOND JESSE NOTICE OF  
AGUON LEON GUERRERO, HEARING  
Decedent.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the petition of VICTORIA LOLA M. LEON GUERRERO for decree of final distribution in this estate will be heard before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge, on the 1st day of September, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Room 220A, Superior Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, Susupe Village, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

For further particulars, please refer to the Petition on file herein, or contact counsel for Petitioner, Joey P. San Nicolas, P.O. Box 10,001 PMB 602, Saipan, MP 96950; telephone (670) 234-7659 and email jpsn@sannicolaslaw.net.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2022.

Hon. JOSEPH N. CAMACHO  
Associate Judge

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
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IN THE MATTER OF: Civil Action No.:  
THE ESTATE OF: 22-0172-CV

SIMEON EVANGELISTA NOTICE OF HEARING  
TAISACAN, NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent.

TO: ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS OF:  
SIMON EVANGELISTA TAISACAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the petition of Mahaela Manglona for the issuance of letters of administration will be heard before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge, on the 1st day of September, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Room 220A, Superior Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, Susupe Village, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

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Pursuant to Rule 11, NMI R. Prob. P., notice is hereby given to all creditors of the decedent, SIMEON EVANGELISTA TAISACAN, or of his estate, that they must file their claims with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2022.

Hon. JOSEPH N. CAMACHO  
Associate Judge

been around for 25 years in the CNMI "and we want to continually honor our employers that support the Guard and Reserves. ... And we look forward to continually collaborate with them so that our Guards and Reserves are protected. ... Not only do they serve our community, but they do also serve our nation...for any kind of emergency. ... So we want to thank everyone for your support and continued

assistance to ESGR."

Torres also mentioned at the proclamation signing that the process of having a National Guard in the CNMI was nearing completion, making note that the CNMI will mostly likely have an Air National Guard, which would be more logical because of the military divert airport that is being built on Tinian.

This year, the ESGR celebrates 25 years of service in the CNMI and, as an agency

of the Department of Defense, has been helping U.S. servicemen for 50 years.

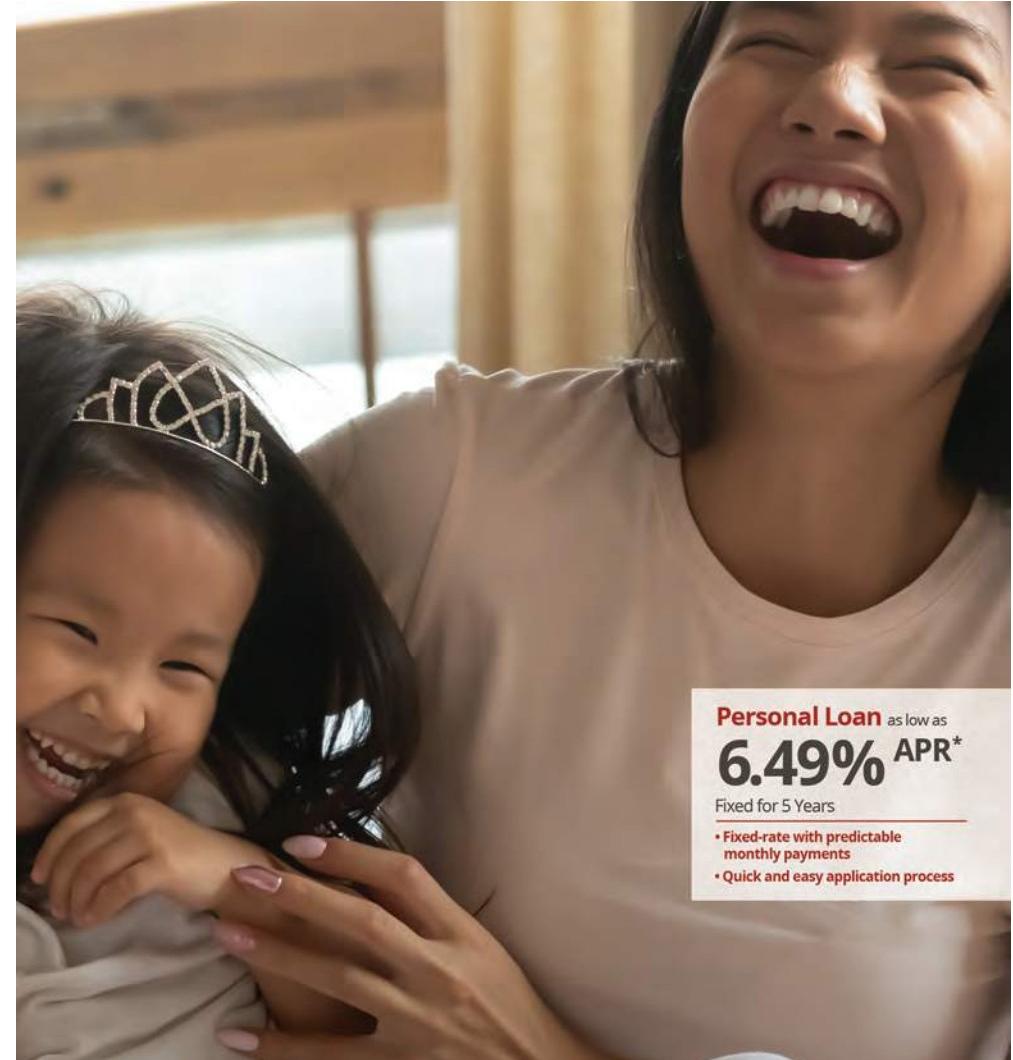
Torres also celebrated his birthday on the day of the proclamation signing.

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# Hotel occupancy at 34% in July—HANMI

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 34% average occupancy rate among its 12 member-hotels for July 2022, compared to 16% average occupancy in July 2021.

A total of 15,232 of 45,259 available room nights sold during July

2022, compared to 6,042 of 36,753 available rooms sold in July 2021. Average room rates were \$158.33 compared to \$148.69 last July.

"We saw a small spike in June thanks to the Pacific Mini Games, and in July direct flights from South

Korea continued to be the foundation of most visitor arrivals," said HANMI chair Ivan Quichocho. "We look forward to slightly higher occupancy rates and more revenue generation beginning in September with the commencement of direct flights

three times a week between Tokyo and Saipan by United Airlines. However, this is still much work ahead to rebuild the Japan market, especially with the devaluation of the yen against the dollar and the fact that since we have had only a few direct flights from Japan in the last four years, we need to reintroduce the Marianas to the public."

Hotels included in HANMI's monthly statistical report are Aqua Resort Club, Aquarius Beach Tower, Century Hotel, GrandVrio Resort

## Emergency water service interruption in Kagman Road

There will be an emergency water service interruption for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers along Isa Drive from Valley View, the Kagman Mobil area, Hooni Place and Hafey Lane on Kagman Road today, Aug. 10, 2022, from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The emergency water interruption is to allow CUC operations per-

sonnel to repair a 4-inch mainline leak on Kagman Road. Customers should expect restoration of water services soon after the repairs.

For the safety of the men and women at the jobsite, motorists are asked to proceed with caution when traveling through the working area as crews will be working on the shoulder of the northbound lane of

Kagman Road.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CorruonwealthUtilitiesCorporationf>). (PR)

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Each Friday of the week would be dedicated to educating its students on varying wellness techniques.

Additionally, Taimanao is focused on the development of the school's IT infrastructure and facilities master plan to better support student learning and engagement. Taimanao expressed gratitude to the Federal Programs Office, as approved applications have helped MCS begin this effort.

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For more information about Mount Carmel School, visit [www.mountcarmelsaipan.com](http://www.mountcarmelsaipan.com). (PR)

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Saipan, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, Saipan World Resort, Surfrider Resort Hotel, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan. The occupancy rates do not include venue rentals at Kanoa Resort Saipan for government COVID-19 quarantine accommodations.

HANMI was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the Marianas. HANMI also makes regular charitable donations to support non-profit organizations and tourism-related government projects. (HANMI)

## FRANCES

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After the departure of former school president and current Northern Marianas College president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Taimanao stepped in as acting president throughout the school year 2021-2022. Despite the challenges presented during the community's exposure to the COVID-19 virus, Taimanao successfully led the institution toward a strong end of the school year.

The school community members had access to regular on-site COVID-19 testing, hybrid learning options, the reinstatement of student events, and led the completion of the school's 2021-2026 strategic plan and updated and revision of the school's curriculum.

Taimanao brings 23 years of teaching experience and 10 years of administrative experience. Prior to MCS, Taimanao served as an elementary teacher at San Vicente Elementary School and retired as a vice principal at the CNMI Public School System. In August 2006, Taimanao transitioned to Mount Carmel School and has taught elementary, middle school, and high school grade levels. Since then, she has remained instrumental in various academic programs, which only solidified the

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"Medicaid was never in jeopardy. Medicaid has always been taken care of not, just what we offered but we actually contribute more," said Torres in an interview Monday.

The governor said his administration has always taken care of Medicaid recipients.

"So again, there's no shortage of \$5 million. We will continue to make our ends meet," he added.

Torres suggested that any elected official who makes these claims should "please do the homework, because it's an embarrassment and an insult" to the institution who work so hard protecting the CNMI's people.

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the CEC will now be moving on to the process of going through each candidate's petition and getting them certified, which she expects will be completed around next week.

"I have our staff going through all the petitions right now and they're pretty much halfway through. Then the CEC board will certify the candidates and they will issue certifications, hopefully within next week," she said.

In addition, Igitol said, the CEC has already started its election preparations, including ordering the ballots that will be used this November.

"Right now, we're corresponding with our vendors that we're going to order the ballots from," she said.

Also, the CEC executive director said CEC is in the process of sending out letters to prospective poll sites, requesting to use these facilities during the general election in November.

"We're [also] preparing logistic-

wise. Aside from ordering everything that we need to order, we're also preparing by sending out request letters for the usage of polling places, and other small things like we are getting our supply boxes ready for our poll workers, updating our rosters, and just maximizing registration," she said.

As the general election draws near, Igitol would also like to encourage everyone to register to vote. For those who can't register during weekdays, Igitol said the CEC has decided to open on Saturday too to accommodate these individuals.

"We're open every Saturday starting at 9am until Sept. 9. Sept. 9 is the last day to register to vote. So every Saturday, we have our office here open from 9am to 2pm and we'd like our voters to come in and take advantage of that, especially for the ones that are working and aren't able to come during weekdays. We're open on Saturdays. The only thing they would need to bring is a birth certificate or a valid U.S. passport," she said.

## BABAUTA

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to represent you in the 21st and 22nd CNMI House of Representatives.

"It is with a heavy heart that I officially announce my decision not to run in this 2022 election. It was a really hard decision to make because I truly love representing and advocating for our community.

"In the past three and a half years, I have expanded and grown professionally and personally. From adopting the Tanapag Youth Center to representing the CNMI on international stages, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve our people and represent our home. It has strengthened my love for our precinct, our island, and our Marianas.

"Being a legislator is just one way to serve our great Marianas and I am ready to explore other ways to serve our people. I am dedicated to public service and I intend to continue leading the movement toward environmental justice, promoting our Indigenous rights and culture, and ensuring our people live long, healthy, and purposeful lives.

"More than anything, it is our duty as a people to work toward moving our Marianas, and our world forward. We have the power and inspiration to



Babauta

write the next chapters of our story—whether that be better management and protections for our environment, supporting small and locally owned businesses, or guiding our youth. We each have a role to play in making our home the paradise we know it is.

"I love our home and I'm not leaving. I am not going anywhere. I plan to continue to live, work, and serve here—and hopefully raise a family here too.

"Thank you to my loved ones, friends, and supporters who helped me become the leader I am. My amazing team, Jenise, Zeno Jr., Edilynn, Kenzi, Ofing, and interns Trini, Emma, Ryan and Maryjo—I am grateful for your hard work and dedication. My family, Diego and Dolorina Babauta, and siblings, Carmine, Tracy, Justin and Kristine—your endless love and support mean the world to me. My campaign manager and Nina, Susan Babauta and her husband, John, as well as their children, Jessica and Nancy—I've been blessed to have you all by my side.

"I have aspirations to run for higher office and I keep those dreams close because 2024 is just around the corner. But for now, let's stay informed, ask questions, and exercise our right to vote in November. This is an important election and I hope to see you at the polls!" (Saipan Tribune)

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# Ex-DPW employee wants former employer sanctioned

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES  
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REPORTER

A former Department of Public Works Public information officer has asked the Superior Court to deny DPW's motion to dismiss his petition for a judicial review of DPW's termination of his employment, and to impose a Rule 11 sanction against the department.

Felipe Q. Atalig, a former DPW PIO who is representing himself in this lawsuit, wants sanctions imposed on the department for alleged violations made during the process

of seeking a dismissal of the plaintiffs' petition for a judicial review of his termination.

Atalig explained that, according to Rule 11, when an attorney, or an unrepresented party, submits a complaint, defense, memorandum of law, or other written submission to the court, he is certifying that the document is not being submitted for an improper purpose such as to harass someone; the legal arguments have a basis under existing law or there is a good-faith basis to change the law or create new law; the facts are supported by evidence or

will be supported by evidence; and denials of any facts are supported by evidence or will be supported by evidence.

Rule 11 also provides that if the rule is violated, a court may impose a punishment on any attorney, law firm, or party responsible for the violation, Atalig said.

However, Atalig said, DPW failed to include the claim processing issue in its initial motion to dismiss.

"DPW knew or should have known about the claim-processing issue and completely failed to assert such a claim in its first motion to dismiss. Knowing full well that DPW negligently failed to include the claim processing issue in its initial motion to dismiss,

DPW knew that the only way to get a second bite at the apple was to assert that its second successive motion to dismiss was now being made pursuant to NMI R. P. Admin. App. 2(g) (2).... [But] the Northern Mariana Islands Rules of Procedure for Administrative Appeals do not provide such explicit authority to file a successive motion to dismiss," Atalig said.

Because of this, Atalig argues that the filing of the successive motion to dismiss is being made for an improper purpose such as to harass the petitioner; the legal arguments for a motion to dismiss have no basis under existing law; DPW has waived its right to file successive motion to dismiss based on claim processing is-

sue; and the Rules prohibit the filing of successive motion to dismiss in this case, therefore the court should impose a Rule 11 sanction against DPW as the moving party.

"The punishment could include, among other things, fines paid to the court, compensating the other party, and paying another party's attorneys' fees," he said.

DPW Secretary James Ada terminated Atalig, 83, back in March 2018 for alleged sexual harassment.

Atalig is a former member

of the Marianas District Legislature and the Congress of Micronesia and was a delegate to the NMI's first constitutional convention in 1976.

However, Atalig said he merely put his hand in an engineer's pocket to demonstrate a point during an argument, but the engineer alleged that Atalig touched him inappropriately.

In his petition for judicial review, Atalig claims that the real reason for his termination was an ongoing power struggle between him and one of DPW's directors.

## \$100K bail set for man in drug trafficking case

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES  
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REPORTER

Enforcement Task Force following a "buy-walk" operation last June.

Camacho imposed a \$100,000 cash bail on the defendant and remanded Zhang to the custody of the Department of Corrections after the hearing.

Zhang was ordered to return to court for a preliminary hearing on Aug. 12 at 10am and for an arraignment on Aug. 15 at 9am.

At the hearing, Zhang was represented by the court-appointed assistant public defender, Tyler Scott, while assistant attorney general Frances T. Demapan appeared for the government. Xuiming Callaghan served as Zhang's interpreter.

According to a press release from the Department of Public Safety, Zhang sold 1.3 grams of methamphetamine, or "ice" to a DETF informer. No other information about the case of the defendant was available as of press time.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the matter :  
of the Estate of : CIVIL ACTION  
HERBERT DONALD SOLL, : NO. 22-0173  
aka HERBERT D. SOLL, : Deceased,  
Deceased, :

#### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lisa Dawn Wilson has filed a Petition for Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Herbert Donald Soll, aka Herbert D. Soll, deceased; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on THURSDAY, September 1, 2022, at the hour of 10:00a.m.

Notice is also given to all heirs of and persons having claims against the Estate of Herbert Donald Soll, aka Herbert D. Soll, deceased, and to all persons claiming an interest in said Estate, that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days from the first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claims should be provided to Michael A. White, Esq., The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, P.O. Box 5222 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, Attorney for Petitioner. All claims not so filed shall be forever barred.

DATED: 04 August 2022

/s/  
JOSEPH N. CAMACHO, Associate Judge

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**RFP NO.: DPW22-RFP No.: 42200141**

**SUBMISSION DATE:** September 13, 2022 **TIME:** 10:00 A.M.

**"Department of Public Works Planning Road Condition and Flood Hazard Mapping Project"**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LOCATED ON SECOND FLOOR, OLEAI JOETEN COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAN JOSE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **August 10, 2022** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center.

There will be a **Pre-Proposal Conference** for this project on **August 26, 2022**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **September 02, 2022** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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**/S/ JAMES A. ADA  
SECRETARY, DPW**      **/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON  
ACTING DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES**

**/S/ PATRICK C. GUERRERO  
GOVERNOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (GAR)**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairperson of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS  
a. Call to Order  
b. Roll Call  
c. Adoption of Agenda  
d. Adoption of Minutes: 10-22-21, and 12-28-21

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

IV. OLD BUSINESS  
a. CDBG-DR Updates

V. NEW BUSINESS  
a. Review and Approval of the CDBG-MIT Policies and Procedures  
b. Updated Nelrod Salary Compensation Study  
c. Renewal of Corporate Director's Employment Contract  
d. Payoff Request for Defaulted Loan

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

(Notes: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13 (a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/  
Merced "Marcie" M. Tomokane  
Chairperson of the Board

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB22-CHCC/WIC-025**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPT. 5TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)**

**"PROCUREMENT OF COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR WIC'S MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM UPGRADE"**

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**INVITATION FOR BID**  
**HOPE Recovery Center Typhoon Shutters Project**  
**ITB22-GOV-42200143**

The Office of the Governor, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), through the Governor's Authorized Representative (collectively, "Commonwealth"), is soliciting sealed bids for the supply and installation of typhoon shutters at the HOPE Recovery Center in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The ITB package will be available electronically starting August 10, 2022 or the Office of the Governor, HMGP Office, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950 starting between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Government observed holidays.

All interested bidders must include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid package to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Pohnpei Way, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Bidding procedures shall fully comply with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIC) \$70-30-3-725 Gratitudes and Kickbacks and \$70-30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor, and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

There will be a virtual (Zoom) pre-bid meeting for this project on **August 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. CHST**. Questions or requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Leona Deleon Guerrero, Program Manager, via email at ldeleon@nmhc.gov.mp no later than **August 31, 2022**. Responses to questions or clarification will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked "**ITB22-GOV-42200143 HOPE Recovery Center Typhoon Shutters Project**". One original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oro Street, Garapan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 9:30 a.m. CHST September 7, 2022. Bidders outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days to receive their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to bidintend@ofd.gov.mp. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 7, 2022, and mailed to the Director of Procurement Services P.O. BOX 510008 CK, Saipan MP 96950 and the bid documents must be received no later than September 14, 2022. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be a cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oro Street, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950, at 9:30 a.m. CHST, September 15, 2022. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open and read at 9:30 a.m. CHST, September 7, 2022.

Bids higher than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the proposal. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable to the Government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety satisfactory to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the **CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the cheque: "Credit Account No. 44660"**. If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Before the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:  
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has the authority to issue a bond in the CNMI, and  
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the Procurement Services Director, to substitute an acceptable bond before executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only 1) Cash, 2) U.S. Government Securities, 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on U.S. Security Exchange, 4) Real property owned in fee simple in the U.S.; and 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completing this project is 180 calendar days upon issuing a Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be \$100.00/day.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the CNMI.

The Government reserves the right to reject any proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the CNMI. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Patrick C. Guerrero  
Governor's Authorized Representative

Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Director  
CNMI Procurement Services

The Northern Marianas College, Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services has been awarded \$3.4 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture to conduct food science research and spur further economic development in the CNMI.

## Amata welcomes Cantor's new role at DOI

American Samoa Delegate Uifa'atali Amata welcomes the confirmation of Carmen Cantor as the assistant secretary of the Interior for Insular and International Affairs:

"I'm pleased to welcome Assistant Secretary Cantor to this role that's so important for our islands. She brings the experience both of her Puerto Rican heritage and time in the Indo-Pacific to the job. It is key to have a strong team on board at the Department of the Interior focused specifically on the territories and the freely associated states," said Amata. "I just want to extend my best wishes to Assistant Secretary Cantor as she takes on these responsibilities, and I know the territories and DOI will work together effectively for the needs of our people. While she will be busy in Washington, there's always the possibility she will have a future chance for a visit to



Amata



Cantor

see beautiful American Samoa in person, as our people and ASG would make her very welcome, and we look forward to working with her."

On Thursday, Cantor was sworn in by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland. Previously, while she was a nominee for the role, Amata had the opportunity to speak on the phone with Cantor.

Cantor's extensive experience includes recent service as U.S. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Federated States of Micronesia. Previously, she led several State Department bureaus and offices as director. Notably, she has lived on islands, including Micronesia and she grew up in Puerto Rico. She earned her B.A. at the University of Puerto Rico, and her M.A. at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico. (PR)

## NMC-CREES secures \$3.4 million for food science research

The projects, led by NMC CREES food scientist, program leader, and professor Dr. Zaidul Sarker, will use the bulk of the funds to purchase equipment for the food science laboratory on Saipan and a smaller laboratory on Rota.

This grant will help develop new diversified value-added food, herbal products and nutraceuticals which are to be introduced worldwide from CNMI local sources. (NMC)

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**INVITATION TO BID  
ITB22-CHCC/GCG-HTP-023**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 29th, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)**

**"PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLE - HTP'S TINIAN OFFICE"**

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COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)  
RFP22-CHCC/LABORATORY-024**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPT. 5TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)**

**"LABORATORY EXPANSION PROJECT  
(Coordinate, Design, Oversight Monitoring and Construction) for CHC Hospital / Laboratory Department**

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#### GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION:

This is a non-exempt position responsible for the day-to-day administrative functions of the office and its programs. The Intake Specialist reports to the Program Coordinator and works within prescribed NMPASI standards, policies and procedures.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✓ Associate Degree or 60 college credits;
- ✓ Must be proficient in computer usage including but not limited to word processing and spreadsheet applications;
- ✓ Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license; and
- ✓ Must be able to operate various office equipment including but not limited to telephones, faxes, and copier machines.

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Interested applicants may pick up a complete job description and application forms at the NMPASI office located on middle road approximately 100 yards north of the Gualo Rai traffic light intersection or may be sent via email by contacting cnening@nmpasi.org. Completed application packets must be submitted to the NMPASI Executive Director. In order for applications to be considered they must include (1) a Cover Letter, (2) a Resumé, (3) Completed Application forms. Incomplete applications and/or applications which do not demonstrate that the applicant meets minimum qualifications as listed above or do not meet the deadline for submittal will not be considered. For further information, please feel free to contact Mr. Gregory Borja at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / (670) 287-0652 [message] or email at gborja@nmpasi.org. NMPASI is an EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

Deadline to submit applications will be on August 26, 2022 at 4pm

**COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES  
CUC-RAESP-22-030**

### Underground Power Distribution Systems to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation – Phase I

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed Architectural & Engineering (A&E) Services Proposal from qualified firms to design an underground power distribution system from the CUC Power Plant 1 Facility to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC). When fully functioning, the infrastructure is designed to distribute uninterrupted power to the CHCC during tropical storms or typhoon events and following natural disasters such that the CNMI's only public owned healthcare facility is able to provide healthcare services to the CNMI's people. The RAESP project is the first step of a phase approach process in determining the cost benefits of constructing a dedicated underground power distribution system. The design of the infrastructure will convey the feasibility of this FEMA investment in delivering uninterrupted power to the CHCC during tropical storms or typhoon events and following natural disasters.

*This project is funded by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).*

The RAESP package may be obtained via email between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$300.00 for one RFP package set. To register for the RAESP, please contact Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Technician Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal; and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal must be submitted in a separately sealed envelope marked "CUC-RAESP-22-030, Underground Power Distribution Systems to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2022**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

All responses to this RAESP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This RAESP does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on August 12, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Anne Crocket, CUC Power Division Chief Engineer via email address anne.crocket@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO  
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLON  
Purchasing Administrator

# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

### Alex Jones soils free speech

**A**lex Jones disgraces all that's good about the First Amendment.

A Texas jury has ordered the conspiracy theorist to pay \$49.3 million in total damages to the parents of a first grader killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre. About time!

Jones finally admitted, when he was faced with bankruptcy, that the 2012 attack in Newtown, Connecticut, was "100% real."

Freedom of speech is not free—no matter what Jones and other purveyors of news porn may profess. There's a major ethical difference between reporting on Big Foot sightings or UFOs vs. trying to debunk the murders of schoolchildren.

The Dec. 14, 2012, Sandy Hook insanity claimed 26 lives—including 20 children between 6 and 7 years old.

The Herald was there within hours. Our reporters called back, one who was sick to her stomach, with constant updates. It remains a cruelty that's unimaginable. At least it is to us.

Alex Jones and his ilk make money—reportedly \$800,000 a day at one point for Jones—by preying on people who don't have a firm grip on reality. It's almost a disservice to even give these bottom-feeders any ink. But some truths need to be put on the presses.

No one should be allowed to tarnish the memory of loved ones lost to such a tragedy. Many will argue this should apply to other topics, but there's nuance in the news. The mass murder of children does not fall into any category other than a crime against humanity.

We don't buy what Alex Jones is selling and nobody else should either. No amount of apology should free him from his shameful prison.

"I admitted I was wrong. I admitted it was a mistake. I admitted that I followed disinformation but not on purpose. I apologized to the families. And the jury understood that. What I did to those families was wrong. But I didn't do it on purpose," Jones said after the verdict.

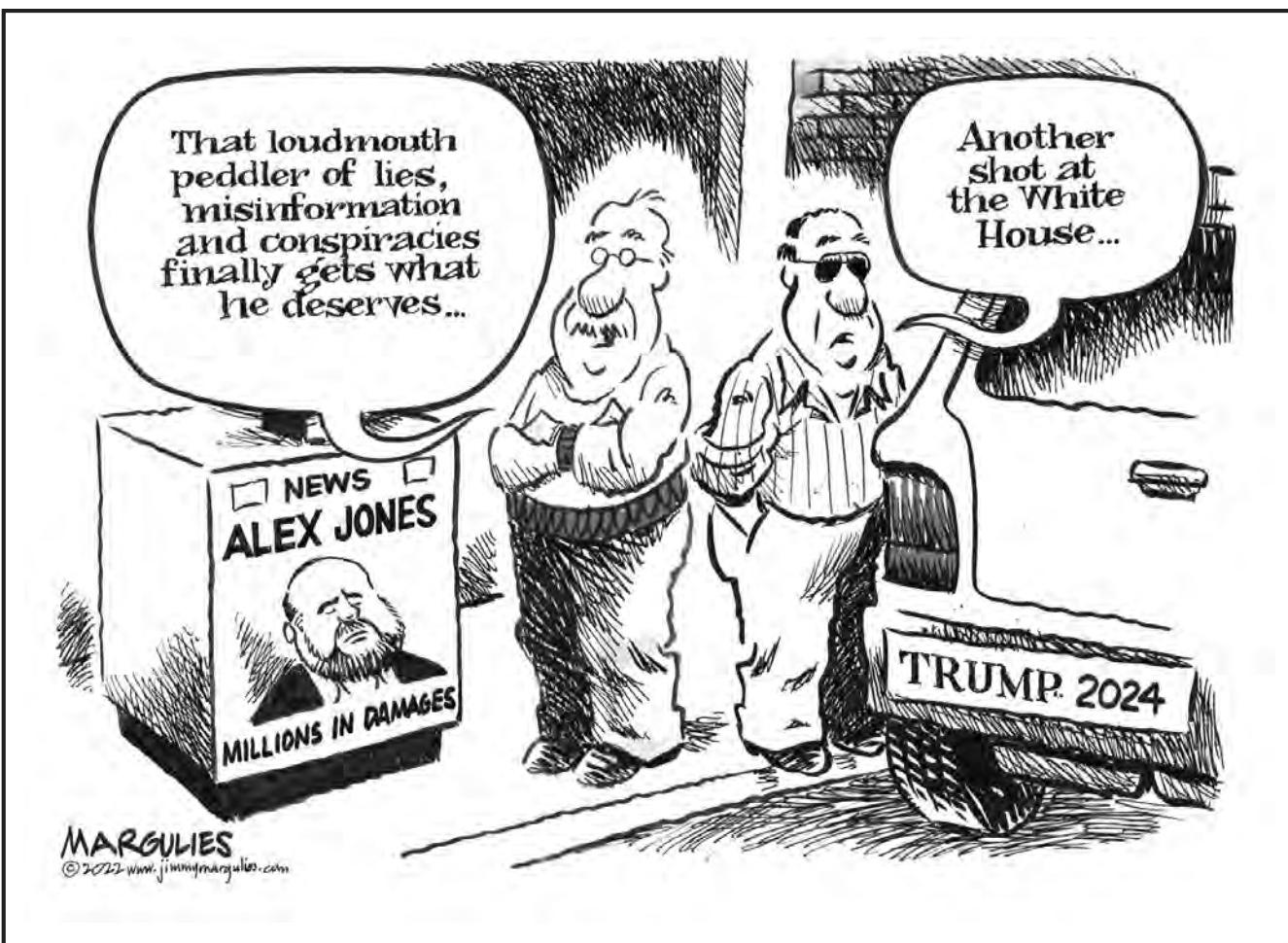
Too little, too late.

Real journalists dig for the facts, seek out official com-

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Jones



### Moving in with your parents could be good for America

**O**ver the past few years, many students have told me about their frustrations about possibly needing to move back to their hometowns and into their parents' homes for financial reasons.

I have pointed out that living with one's family is fairly typical in many places around the world and that even a few generations ago, this was the norm in the U.S., including my own family, where my mother was one of three generations living under the same roof.

With rising student debt, levels of inflation not seen in decades and housing costs hitting younger Americans, it is no surprise that my students are facing this situation. A new Pew research report has found that a quarter of American adults ages 25 to 34 (millennials) resided in a multigenerational family household in 2021, a significant increase from just 9% in 1971.

Pew uncovered gains in multigenerational living—that is, living in a household that includes two or more adult generations—among all age groups in the past 50 years, with the increase being pronounced among millennials today. According to an analysis of census data from 1971 to 2021, the share of people living in multigenerational family households had more than doubled to 18% of the U.S. population. Moreover, by 2021, young adults were notably more likely than older Americans to have this type of living arrangement.

While many of my students are less than thrilled about moving home, there is a possible silver lining to these newly reconstituted multigenerational households: They may just help improve our democracy.

The fact is that generations have notably different socio-political identities. Having come of age in different eras, different generations often maintain divergent attitudes toward social policy, questions of identity and political outlook.

Numerous surveys have shown, for instance, that younger millennials generally feel less politically effective than older generations today. When asked if ordinary citizens can do much to influence the government in Washington if they were willing to make an effort, fewer than 4 in 10 of these younger Americans believe that they can do so. In contrast, 55% of those 65 and older believe that they can exert influence.

A Pew survey found that 7 in 10 members of Gen Z (born after 1996) said the government should do more to solve problems, compared with just 49% of baby boomers (born 1946 to 1964) and 39% of the silent generation (born 1925 to 1945).

There are also appreciable differences on questions of social policy such as LGBTQ rights and the environment along with partisan identification. Looking at the issues around gender identity, half of adults ages 18 to 29 believe that someone

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Los Angeles Times

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can be a man or a woman even if that differs from the sex they were assigned at birth, while about a third of those 50 and older feel the same way. And Pew has found that younger generational cohorts approved of Donald Trump (22% of registered Gen Z voters and 32% of millennials) at notably lower number than older groups (48% of baby boomers and 57% of those in the silent generation).

If families live together in shared spaces, conflicts will occur. Rather than being able to move into online echo chambers, family members may have to do the hard work of navigating dissimilarities. While some situations may worsen divides, it is still quite possible that family members will learn to listen, debate and disagree, and develop empathy for difference; minds may not be changed, but cultivating the skills to search for common ground could affect how these individuals move in the public and political sphere.

Moreover, sharing spaces with family members may also compel more political participation and improve our loneliness epidemic among younger Americans. Older Americans tend to be more likely to vote (my love of politics started when my grandma worked the polls decades ago and brought me with her). What if older family members help make younger members aware of how powerful their voices can be at the ballot box?

Younger Americans are also far more isolated and lonelier than their older counterparts. Having fewer cases of solo living arrangements and even simple expectations of shared family meals or other forms of family time might improve mental health conditions.

Adult children living with their parents in multigenerational households is certainly not a panacea and runs against an almost centurylong, post-Depression norm of moving out of family homes in young adulthood. But given new socioeconomic pressures, it's possible that multigenerational housing arrangements could result in more tolerance for divergent views. In a society full of echo chambers, political polarization and deep mistrust, that might be a very good thing.

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## America needs a Declaration of Independents

**W**hether one watches Fox News or MSNBC, reads The New York Times or the Wall Street Journal, it has become difficult to view the United States as anything but a game of political dodgeball, with two opposing teams that loath one another trying to knock the other out by whistling partisan fastballs at any vulnerable opponent. Gone are the days of what Richard Nixon liked to call “the great silent majority”—a phrase he appropriated from Homer, who used it to describe the dead. There is not much silence in politics these days. Nor is there much reasonable discourse. Screeching has largely taken its place.

By all accounts, somewhere between 80% and 90% of the American electorate is frozen in ideology and party affiliation, with Democrats having a slight advantage, although that edge is often not reflected in voter turnout. That leaves roughly one tenth to one fifth of American voters who may be persuadable by either of the two parties. Not unlikely is that most of those in the middle find something both to like and to dislike about Democratic and Republican policies and those who represent them.

Regardless of how small this group of persuadables may be, they are the key to America’s future. They are the tie-breaking votes. It is these independents to whom the task of choosing between two political parties, whose imperfections are both glaring and ubiquitous, is entrusted. They will decide on which of two radically different paths the United States will follow, leaving the losing side furious and likely uncooperative in bending to the national will. But not only will they select who rules the nation in the short term and what policies are put in place—on them may well rest the very future of democracy in the United States.

With the stakes this high, one can only hope that all of those entrusted with this immense responsibility watched the Jan. 6 hearings. The question then becomes whether what they saw is sufficiently persuasive to make party affiliation, ideology, policy initiatives, and even visceral dislike of one or both parties sec-

ondary. In coming elections, these voters will determine whether the threat to the often slow and tortuous progress the United States has made over more than two centuries in becoming a genuine democracy, a nation that actually ascribes to the notion that all of us are created equal, overwhelms what in simpler times would be considered crucial questions.

There should be little doubt.

To say the picture painted by the committee’s seven Democrats and two Republicans has been damning is an understatement. In fact, the most effective testimony was given by men and women whose conservative credentials are indisputable, and loyalty to Donald Trump, at least until after the 2020 election, was unquestioned. Leaving aside whether Trump is either a liar or delusional—and there seems to be no third option—that he behaved in a manner that was half Mafia don, half petulant 4-year-old, has been reaffirmed by a series of witnesses, almost all Republicans, who range from sophisticated high-priced lawyers to state officials to a young woman who was the first in her family to attend college to a poor fool from Ohio who lost his job and his house for believing the word of a man who likely viewed him and those like him with contempt.

The hearings, orchestrated by former ABC news chief James Goldston (whose surname seems short a final “e”), was turned from standard C-SPAN flat cadenced droning to a “Game of Thrones”-caliber cliffhanger, replete with surprise witnesses, punchy video clips, and episodes kept brief enough to not tax Americans’ stunted attention spans. Even Fox News, which initially intended to ignore the hearings, likely to air specials on Hillary Clinton’s emails and Hunter Biden’s laptop, was forced to scrap that plan and air the hearings live—although they balked at pre-empting their prime time stars. Still, theater aside, the case being made was so powerful, so well documented, so without potential contradiction, that to conclude anything but that Trump at the very least violated his oath of office seems impossible.

Republican complaints that the questioning was one-sided

suspended until they take ownership of their distortions of facts. Repeat offenders should be banned from ever being allowed to serve their party again.

Reducing a political party’s numeric advantage in this way would presumably disincentivize its reliance on fabricated alternate realities as a substitute for a thoughtful, time-tested platform of ideas.

Any Congress member or senator found to have enriched themselves in ways that contradict moral principles, that they have made known through public statements or by their voting record, should be stripped of their position and forced to surrender the profits that they derived from their hypocritical actions.

Any journalistic entity that knowingly engages in fact-free speech by disseminating disinformation, representing unproven theories as being factual, or engaging in personal attacks without any substantiation should be sanctioned and eventually made to lose their credentials as a news organization.

Commentators or columnists for such organizations who routinely use their influence to spread theories or manipulate public opinion by deliberately weaponizing non-truths to demonize, polarize and divide should be made to quickly back up their hate rhetoric in court or pay restitution. Their employers should be made to pay ever-increasing fines and to suspend their employee’s on-air privileges for increasingly long periods of time.

As long as ratings and revenue drive the media, and principles of journalistic standards fall to a distant second (if they exist

at all), using financial consequences to address abuses of free speech will be the most effective solution.

I await Dominion Voting Systems’ massive lawsuit against Fox News with great anticipation, as this will be the bellwether from which the future of unfettered fact-free speech in the news media will be measured.

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day’s unspeakable carnage,” retired Herald columnist Peter Gelzinis wrote that December day.

A Newtown rabbi a year later grasped what everyone was trying to comprehend as a report on the shooting was released and residents faced more difficult days.

“The most important thing really is not how we die, because we’re all going to die. It’s how we live.”

Peter tracked that quote down in hopes it could ease some of the pain. That’s what Alex Jones will never understand.

**ALEX**

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ments, ask experts for feedback and chase down witnesses in a daily calculus that takes dedication. Our columnists offer up their unique opinions—on all sides of the political spectrum—and we present them to you to judge us by our words.

We remain skeptical yet informative. If you want us to chase that man didn’t land on the moon and other such nonsense, call someone else.

We can take the heat on just about anything, but the morning

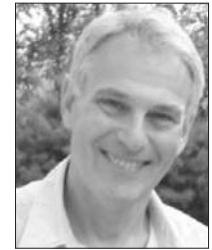
the news broke that children in an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, were being killed we sent our staff reporters, photographers and a columnist running.

This country needs to figure out how to protect our children. Alex Jones and his hurtful ramblings did the opposite. He can keep his ratings. The rest of us will keep reporting and we will never forget Sandy Hook.

“Last night, the echo of ambulances and police cars was replaced by the glare of TV floodlights that overshadowed Christmas lights on the homes up and down Church Hill Road, which leads up to Sandy Hook Elementary School, the site of yester-

**By LAWRENCE GOLDSTONE**

The Fulcrum



Lawrence Goldstone’s most recent book is *On Account of Race: The Supreme Court, White Supremacy, and the Ravaging of African American Voting Rights*.

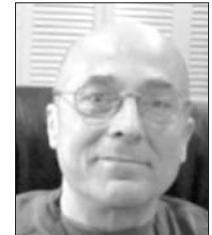
ring a bit hollow, since House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, who may well become speaker next year, decided to boycott the proceedings when his suggested appointments to the committee, which included members who may have actually been involved in the events, were rejected. Grousing now brings to mind the Yiddish joke, defining “chutzpah”—nerve—as a man who murders his parents and then throws himself off the mercy of the court on the grounds that he is an orphan.

Whether Trump is eventually indicted is not really pivotal—he is very adept at skating past overt violations of law and making his actual guilt difficult to prove in court, leaving underlings and supporters, like the Ohio man, to pay the price for his malfeasance. Nor should the fact that all of these “see the light” Republicans, some of whom, like Pat Cipollone, only came forward to save their own reputations, were all too content to go along with Trump’s questionable adherence to both the law and decency when it seemed that he might remain in power.

And so, in local and national elections in the coming months, to say nothing of the presidential election in 2024, that small slice of the electorate that actually considers both sides before casting their votes will be charged with determining whether a group of men and women who would undermine the foundation on which American democracy is built will be allowed to once again attempt to do so. We can only hope they make the right choice.

**By NEIL RAUCH**

The Baltimore Sun



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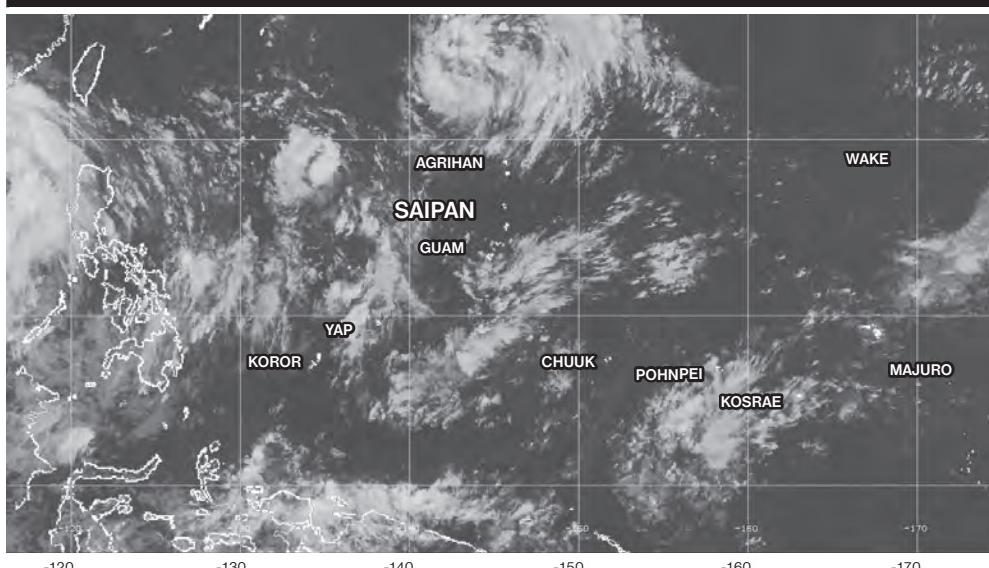
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# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny	Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy	Showers likely. Mostly cloudy	Showers likely. Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny.
87°	76°	87°	76°	87°
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### YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 7:13 AM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022**

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Across the Marianas this morning, satellite shows mid-level clouds over Guam and Rota, and partly cloudy skies for Tinian and Saipan. Radar, however, indicates only isolated showers. Winds are gentle, and combined seas remain between 3 and 4 feet in the coastal waters. Meanwhile, a weak disturbance is evident south of the region, with scattered showers and thunderstorms well west of Chuuk south of 10N.

*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)*

## STOP THE SPREAD

**T**he Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors



■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

### Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

### Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 sec-

onds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 InfoLine at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at [www.chcc.gov.mp](http://www.chcc.gov.mp) or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit [www.governor.gov.mp/and](http://www.governor.gov.mp/and), follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at [www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19](http://www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19).

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MICRONESIA		
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 76°
Yap	Thunderstorms	87° / 78°
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86° / 78°
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	88° / 78°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	84° / 80°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:01 AM	6:43 PM
Thursday	6:01 AM	6:42 PM
Friday	6:01 AM	6:42 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	3:35 AM	5:14 PM
Thursday	-	4:43 AM	6:14 PM
Friday	-	5:50 AM	7:07 PM
Saturday	-	6:54 AM	7:54 PM
Sunday	-	7:54 AM	8:37 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE		
Auckland	Rain	56° / 44°
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	84° / 67°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms/Wind	84° / 80°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87° / 76°
London	Sunny	85° / 61°
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	91° / 68°
Manila	Thunderstorms	89° / 78°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	56° / 36°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	87° / 81°
New York	Thunderstorms	96° / 74°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	95° / 82°
Paris	Sunny	93° / 66°
Busan	Cloudy	87° / 80°
Rome	Thunderstorms	94° / 70°
Salem	Scattered Thunderstorms	87° / 70°
San Francisco	Cloudy	69° / 59°
Seoul	Rain	81° / 70°
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	93° / 81°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	96° / 77°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET		
4:37 AM	High Tide	2.10
12:15 PM	Low Tide	-0.37
7:38 PM	High Tide	2.07
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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2022

DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>						<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>					
UA117 9:50AM 10:30AM Daily						UA174 8:00AM 8:45AM Daily					
UA156 6:30PM 7:15PM 6						UA112 4:40PM 5:30PM 6					
<b>GUAM-MANILA (MNL)</b>						<b>MANILA (MNL)-GUAM</b>					
PR 111 6:00AM 8:00AM Daily						PR110 10:00PM 4:00AM+1 Daily					
UA193 7:05PM 10:55PM 5 via Palau						UA184 10:25PM 4:25AM+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7					
UA183 7:10PM 9:10PM Daily						UA					

# Tinian Municipal Council honors three for academic achievements

The 18th Tinian Municipal Council has unanimously adopted three resolutions that recognize and congratulate—on behalf of the people of Tinian—three residents of Tinian for acquiring their doctorate degrees. The three, who were recognized in resolutions that were adopted last July 26, 2022, are Dr. Regina C. Palacios, in Education Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Conrad M. Kiyoshi, in Biomedical Science Philosophy; and Dr. Raena P. Cing-Cabrera, in Teacher Leadership Education.

Tinian Municipal Council chair Joseph E. Santos expressed his pride in seeing these kinds of success in individual endeavors despite the challenges they faced. Council members Thomasa P. and Juanita M. Mendiola were both exceptionally proud that two of the recipi-



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Dr. Raena P. Cing-Cabrera is joined by her mother, Percy P. Cing, mother-in-law Joan R. Cabrera, husband Juan Vicente R. Cabrera and other family members in receiving the resolution.

ents are women.

Peter Palacios Sr. and Dr. Palacios' youngest son, Brandon P. Rosa, received the plaque on behalf of Dr. Regina C. Palacios. Peter Palacios Jr. received the plaque on behalf of Kiyoshi. It was learned that Dr. Regina C. Palacios was off-island and Kiyoshi was in the middle of finals for Tinian's Northern Marianas College students. Cing-Cabrera was joined by her mother, Percy P. Cing, mother-in-law Joan R. Cabrera, husband Juan Vicente R. Cabrera and other family members in receiving the resolution. (PR)

## Dementia support group to focus on spiritual support in August sessions

This month, the community can participate in several virtual support-group sessions focused on spiritual support for persons with dementia and family caregivers.

Two representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor Colin Garraway and Elena Taneva-Cholakova, FNP-BC, will offer virtual presentations on "Spiritual Support through the Seventh-day Adventist Church" on Aug. 10 and 12. Garraway is the chaplain and Taneva-Cholakova is a board-certified family nurse practitioner at the Guam SDA Clinic.

Rev. Francis Hezel, SJ, a parochial vicar at Santa Barbara Catholic Church, will offer virtual presentations on "Spiritual Support through the Catholic Church" on Aug. 17 and 20.

Rev. Irene Egmalis Maliaman, the vicar at St. John Episcopal Church, will offer virtual presentations on "Spiritual Support through the Episcopal Church" on Aug. 24 and 27.

The presentations are part of the ongoing online support groups for family caregivers of persons with dementia being conducted by the Guam/Micronesia Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program of the University of Guam School of Health.

■ "Spiritual Support through the Seventh-day Adventist Church" with Pastor Colin Garraway and Elena Taneva-Cholakova, FNP-BC. (PR)

6pm–8pm, Wednesday, Aug. 10  
10am–12 noon, Friday, Aug. 12

■ "Spiritual Support through the Catholic Church" with Rev. Francis X. Hezel, SJ

6pm–8pm, Wednesday, Aug. 17  
10am – 12 noon, Saturday, Aug. 20

■ "Spiritual Support through the Episcopal Church" with Rev. Irene Egmalis Maliaman

6pm–8pm, Wednesday, Aug. 24  
10am–12 noon, Saturday, Aug. 27

Participants can attend the Wednesday or Saturday sessions using the following Zoom links:

Wednesday sessions: <https://zoom.us/j/92072878067>

Saturday sessions: <https://zoom.us/j/91243370958>

### Ongoing dementia support groups

The GWEP dementia support group sessions are held remotely on Zoom every Wednesday evening and Saturday morning year-round. The sessions are free of charge to partners, family members, and other caregivers of persons with dementia who have ties to Guam and the Micronesian region.

For more information, contact Iain Twaddle or Nikolas Gutierrez at (671) 735-2883 or [gwp.tgss@triton.uog.edu](mailto:gwp.tgss@triton.uog.edu) or Rhoda Orallo at (671) 735-3277 or [r.orallo@hspguam.com](mailto:r.orallo@hspguam.com). (PR)



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Peter Palacios Jr. receives the plaque on behalf of Dr. Conrad M. Kiyoshi.

## Three companies sign on as NMC ProaPerks partners

Cosmo Lounge, Summit Auto Repair Shop, and Majesty Restaurant are the latest companies to sign on as a Northern Marianas College ProaPerks partner, joining many other businesses and organizations.

All card-carrying members of the NMC ProaPerks program can now receive \$1 off the admission fee and a complimentary beverage at Cosmo Lounge; a 10% discount on oil change, tune up, body and car repairs at Summit Auto Repair Shop; and unlimited iced tea or hot tea at Majesty Restaurant.

These three companies join



Majesty Restaurant is now a proud NMC ProaPerks partner. **NMC**



Cosmo Lounge is now a proud NMC ProaPerks partner. **NMC**



Summit Auto Repair Shop is now a proud NMC ProaPerks partner. **NMC**

# Business

## FAA clears Boeing to resume deliveries of 787 Dreamliner

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Federal regulators said Monday they are satisfied with changes Boeing has made in the production of its 787 Dreamliner passenger jet, clearing the way for the company to resume deliveries.

American Airlines said it expects to get its first new 787 in more than 15 months as early as Wednesday.

The Federal Aviation Administration announcement confirmed reports late last month and came days after the agency's acting chief met with safety inspectors who oversee Boeing.

The FAA said acting Administrator Billy Nolen want-

ed to hear about steps Boeing has taken to fix manufacturing problems and ensure independence for Boeing employees who work with regulators.

Production of the big, two-aisle 787 has been marred by several problems including gaps between panels of the carbon-composite skin, and use of unapproved titanium parts from a supplier in Italy. Those issues prevented Boeing from delivering any of the planes for most of the last two years, and about 120 have been parked while Boeing tried to fix the production process.

The FAA said it will inspect each plane before it is approved for delivery.

## Gatewood is named Matson sales, customer service manager for Guam and Micronesia

**GUAM**—Matson announced yesterday that Stephen Gatewood was promoted to sales and customer service manager for Guam and Micronesia, effective July 1, 2022. Gatewood brings a wealth of business and sales and marketing experience to his new position and previously served in an operations role in Guam.

In his new role, Gatewood oversees all sales and customer service activity for Guam and Micronesia, which includes the CNMI, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands.



Gatewood

Gatewood has previously served on the board of directors for the Guam Visitors Bureau from 2019 to 2022 and has represented his previous companies as a member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce Guam.

Gatewood founded multiple successful businesses over the years and is the proud co-founder of the Millennial Brotherhood

Scholarship, which provides financial aid to incoming high school students at his alma mater, Father Duenas Memorial School, where he graduated in 2009. He also serves as Matson's Scholarship Ambassador to the University of Guam, providing the school and recipients of the Matson Leadership Diversity Scholarship with an industry contact for mentorship and program support.

A strong proponent of environmental responsibility, Gatewood serves on the advi-

American Airlines was hit particularly hard by the halt in deliveries. Earlier this year, it delayed some planned international flights because Boeing wasn't able to deliver the planes on schedule.

American said Monday that its newest 787 will come from a Boeing factory in South Carolina and is expected to begin carrying passengers "in the coming weeks." American said that will make 47 active 787s in its fleet, with another 42 on order.

Shares of Boeing Co., which is based in Arlington, Virginia, gained less than 1% on Monday after being up nearly 4% earlier in the trading session.

sory board of the Guam Green Growth Circular Economy Makerspace and Innovation Hub located at the Chamorro Village, which is a division of the UOG Center for Island Sustainability. He will also help oversee Adahi I Tano, Matson's community environmental program in Guam.

Gatewood holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations with a minor in Theological and Religious Studies from the University of San Diego.

Patrick Bulaon, vice president and general manager for Guam and Micronesia, said, "We are pleased to announce Stephen's new role with Matson. Stephen's extensive experience in sales and customer service is well suited to Matson's customer-focused approach to business. He also brings a passion for social responsibility that will be instrumental in continuing the important work we do in the community, especially with scholarship development and environmental stewardship." (Matson)

## Southwest attendant suffers broken back in hard landing

**DALLAS** (AP)—A Southwest Airlines flight attendant suffered a compression fracture to a vertebra in her upper back during a hard landing last month in California, according to federal safety investigators.

The National Transportation Safety Board said the impact of landing was so hard that the flight attendant thought the plane had crashed. She felt pain in her back and neck and could not move, and was taken to a hospital where she was diagnosed with the fracture.

The safety board completed its investigation without saying what caused the hard landing.

The NTSB said none of the other 141 people on board the plane were injured in the incident at John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana, California.

The pilots told investigators that they were aiming for the normal touchdown zone on the relatively short runway. "However, it ended up being a firm landing," the NTSB said in its final report, dated Friday.

Dallas-based Southwest said

in a statement Monday, "We reported the matter to the NTSB in accordance with regulatory requirements and conducted an internal review of the event."

A spokeswoman for the airline declined to provide further information when asked about the result of the internal investigation and whether the plane was inspected for evidence of damage that could occur during a hard landing. The plane has been making several flights a day, according to tracking services.

# Nation

## Trump says FBI raided his Mar-a-Lago estate



Police direct traffic outside an entrance to former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, in Palm Beach, Fla. AP

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The FBI searched Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate as part of an investigation into whether he took classified records from the White House to his Florida residence,

people familiar with the matter said Monday, a move that represents a dramatic and unprecedented escalation of law enforcement scrutiny of the former president.

Trump, disclosing the search in a lengthy statement, asserted that agents had opened up a safe at his home and described their work as an "unannounced raid" that he likened to "prosecutorial misconduct."

The search intensifies the months-long probe into how classified documents ended up in more than a dozen boxes located at Mar-a-Lago earlier this year. It occurs amid a separate grand jury investigation into efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election and adds to the potential legal peril for Trump as he lays the groundwork for another run.

Familiar battle lines, forged during a four-year presidency shadowed by FBI and congressional investigations, quickly took shape again Monday night. Trump and his allies sought to cast the search as a weaponization of the criminal justice system and a Democratic-driven effort to keep him from winning another term in 2024—even though the Biden White House said it had no prior knowledge of it, and the current FBI director, Christopher Wray, was appointed by Trump five years ago and

served as a high-ranking official in a Republican-led Justice Department.

"These are dark times for our Nation, as my beautiful home, Mar-A-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida, is currently under siege, raided, and occupied by a large group of FBI agents," Trump wrote. "Nothing like this has ever happened to a President of the United States before."

"After working and cooperating with the relevant Government agencies, this unannounced raid on my home was not necessary or appropriate," Trump said in his statement.

Justice Department spokesperson Dena Iverson declined to comment on the search, including about whether Attorney General Merrick Garland had personally authorized it.

Trump did not elaborate on the basis for the search, but the Justice Department has been investigating the potential mishandling of classified information after the National Archives and Records Administration said it had retrieved from Mar-a-Lago 15 boxes of records containing classified information earlier this year. The National Archives said Trump should have turned over that material upon leaving office, and it asked the Justice Department to investigate.

There are multiple federal laws governing the handling of classified records and sensitive government documents, including statutes that make it a crime to remove such material and retain it

at an unauthorized location. Though a search warrant does not suggest that criminal charges are near or even expected, federal officials looking to obtain one must first demonstrate to a judge that they have probable cause that a crime occurred.

Two people familiar with the matter, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation, said the search happened earlier Monday and was related to the records probe. Agents were also looking to see if Trump had additional presidential records or any classified documents at the estate.

Trump has previously maintained that presidential records were turned over "in an ordinary and routine process." His son Eric said on Fox News on Monday night that he had spent the day with his father and that the search happened because "the National Archives wanted to corroborate whether or not Donald Trump had any documents in his possession."

Asked how the documents ended up at Mar-a-Lago, Eric Trump said the boxes were among items that got moved out of the White House during "six hours" on Inauguration Day, as the Bidens prepared to move into the building.

"My father always kept press clippings," Eric Trump said. "He had boxes, when he moved out of the White House."

Trump emerged from Trump Tower in New York City shortly before 8 p.m. and waved to bystanders before being driven away in an SUV.

# Asia

## Taiwan holds drills, says that China seeking control of seas

**PINGTUNG, Taiwan** (AP)—Taiwan's foreign minister said Tuesday that China aims to control the East and South China Seas via the Taiwan Strait, describing a greater ambition to upend the Asia-Pacific status quo and prevent nations from aiding the self-governing island.

Foreign Minister Joseph Wu spoke at a news conference in Taipei as Taiwan began live-fire military drills to test combat readiness in response to ongoing Chinese exercises that have included launching

missiles into waters off the island of 23 million people.

China says its drills were prompted by the visit to the island last week by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, but Wu said China was using her visit as a pretext. China also banned some Taiwanese food imports after the visit and cut off dialogue with the U.S. on several issues including climate change.

He said China aims to upend the status quo and annex Taiwan, the self-governing island republic it claims as its own territory.

The drills are a rehearsal for an invasion of the island in which it seeks to prevent other countries coming to the island's assistance, Wu said.

The exercises also show China's "geostrategic ambition beyond Taiwan," Wu said.

"China has no right to interfere in or alter" the Taiwanese people's democratic process or interaction with other nations, he said.

Taiwan and the mainland are separate jurisdictions with "neither subordinate to the other," Wu said.

## Ex-Philippine leader Ramos is buried



Soldiers carry the flag-draped casket of the late former Philippine President Fidel Ramos during his state funeral at the Heroes' Cemetery in Taguig, Philippines on Tuesday Aug. 9, 2022. AP

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Former Philippine President Fidel Ramos was laid to rest in a state funeral Tuesday, hailed as an ex-general, who backed then helped oust a dictatorship and became a defender of democracy and can-do reformist in his poverty-wracked Asian country.

Ramos died July 31 at age 94 from COVID-19 complications at the Makati Medical Center in the capital region, his family said. He also suf-

fered from a heart condition and dementia and had been in and out of hospital in recent years, former aides said.

An urn containing the ashes of the U.S.-trained general, who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, was placed in a flag-draped coffin, which was carried by six pallbearers amid somber music.

His cremated remains were placed in his grave after a funeral procession led by honor guards and his family, which

was showered with flower petals from two helicopters. The ceremony, which was broadcast live nationwide by state-run and major TV networks, was attended by newly elected President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., and was capped by a 21-gun salute.

Marcos Jr. visited Ramos' wake Thursday and condoled with the family of Ramos, who, he said, "was a symbol of stability after all the tumultuous events of 1986."

## Rains in S. Korea flood Seoul's roads, leave 8 dead

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—Some of the heaviest rain in decades swamped South Korea's capital region, turning Seoul's streets into car-clogged rivers and sending floods cascading into subway stations. At least eight people were killed—some by drowning in their homes—and seven others were missing, while more rain was forecast.

Deserted cars and buses were scattered across streets as the water receded on Tuesday as workers cleared uprooted trees,

mud and debris with excavators and blocked off broken roads and pavement. Landslide warnings were issued in nearly 50 cities and towns, while 160 hiking paths in Seoul and mountainous Gangwon province were closed.

"The heavy rainfall is expected to continue for days ... we need to maintain our sense of alert and respond with all-out effort," President Yoon Suk Yeol said at the government's emergency headquarters. He directed officials' at-

tention to areas vulnerable to landslides or flooding and to reducing the dangers of roads and facilities already damaged to prevent more deaths.

# World

## Oil facility fire jeopardizes Cuba's frail electric system

**HAVANA** (AP)—A deadly fire that began at a large oil storage facility in western Cuba spread on Monday, threatening to plunge the island into a deeper energy crisis as it forced officials to shut down a key thermoelectric plant.

Flames around dawn enveloped a third tank that firefighters had tried to cool as they struggle to fight the massive blaze in the western province of Matanza that began just days after the government announced scheduled blackouts for the capital of Havana.

"I am very worried about the children, the elderly, the economy of Matanzas and

the country," said Dailyn de la Caridad, a 28-year-old resident. "We don't know how this is going to end."

At least one person has died and 125 are injured, with another 14 reported missing ever since lightning struck one of the facility's eight tanks on Friday night. A second tank caught fire on Saturday, triggering several explosions at the facility, which plays a key part in Cuba's electric system.

"The risk we had announced happened, and the blaze of the second tank compromised the third one," said Matanzas Gov. Mario Sabines.

By late Monday, four

## Russia, Ukraine trade accusations over nuke plant attacks

**KYIV, Ukraine** (AP)—Russia and Ukraine traded accusations Monday that each side is shelling Europe's biggest nuclear power plant in southern Ukraine. Russia claimed that Ukrainian shelling caused a power surge and fire and forced staff to lower output from two reactors, while Ukraine has blamed Russian troops for storing weapons there.

Nuclear experts have warned that more shelling of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power station, which was captured by Russia early in the war, is fraught with danger.

The Kremlin echoed that Monday, claiming that Kyiv was attacking the plant and urging Western powers to force a stop to that.

"Shelling of the territory of the nuclear plant by the

Ukrainian armed forces is highly dangerous," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters. "It's fraught with catastrophic consequences for vast territories, for the entire Europe."

Ukraine's military intelligence spokesman, Andriy Yusov, countered that Russian forces have planted explosives at the plant to head off an expected Ukrainian counteroffensive in the region. Previously, Ukrainian officials have said Russia is launching attacks from the plant and using Ukrainian workers there as human shields.

Yusov called on Russia to "make a goodwill gesture and hand over control of the plant to an international commission and the IAEA (International Atomic En-

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### 1 dead after US Coast Guard, boat collide in Puerto Rico

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico** (AP)—A U.S. Coast Guard cutter and a Puerto Rico fishing boat collided Monday in an incident that killed one person and injured another, officials said. The accident occurred in the early afternoon near the north coastal town of Dorado, according to a U.S. Coast Guard statement. The agency identified the dead fisherman as Carlos Rosario and said his brother, Samuel Rosario, was injured. The two were aboard a 23-foot (seven-meter) commercial fishing vessel called Desakata, while the U.S. Coast Guard was traveling in a 154-foot (47-meter) fast-

response cutter, officials said. Capt. José Díaz, commander of the Coast Guard Sector San Juan, said a thorough investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board is under way to determine what caused the collision and how to prevent similar incidents in the future.

#### UN envoy: Only peace can end Israel-Palestinian violence

**UNITED NATIONS** (AP)—The top U.N. Middle East envoy warned Monday that the ceasefire between Israel and Palestinian militants is "fragile" and the "cycles of violence" will only stop when an independent Palestinian state lives side-by-side with Israel. Tor Wennesland

tanks were compromised, Lt. Col. Alexander Ávalos of Cuba's fire department told Televisión Cubana.

"The fire has taken on a greater magnitude," he said.

Firefighters had sprayed water on the remaining tanks over the weekend to cool them but failed to stop the fire from spreading. On Monday afternoon, the government's power company announced that the fire had forced the shut down a thermoelectric plant that provides power to the island's western region after it ran out of water, according to the official Cubadebate website. No further details were immediately available.

Ukraine's ombudsman, Dmytro Lubinets, likewise urged that the United Nations, the IAEA and the international community send a delegation to "completely demilitarize the territory" and provide security guarantees to plant employees and the city where the plant is based, Enerhodar.

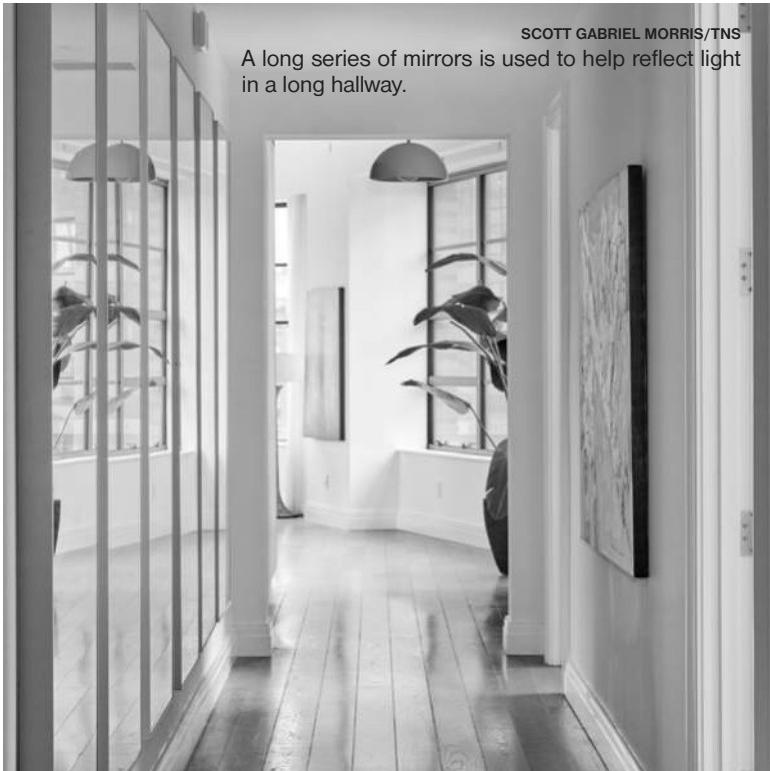
The IAEA is the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog. Its director-general, Rafael Grossi, told The Associated Press last week that the situation surrounding the Zaporizhzhia plant "is completely out of control," and issued an urgent plea to Russia and Ukraine to allow experts to visit the complex to stabilize the situation and avoid a nuclear accident.

called on Israeli and Palestinian leaders and the international community at an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council on the latest violence "to strengthen diplomatic efforts to return to meaningful negotiations towards a viable two-state solution." An Egyptian-mediated truce took effect late Sunday, ending the worst round of violence since an 11-day war between Israel and Hamas last year. Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005 and has fought four wars with Hamas since the group won a 2006 election in Gaza and seized power from Fatah in 2007. The clashes have exacted a staggering toll on the impoverished territory's 2.3 million Palestinian residents.

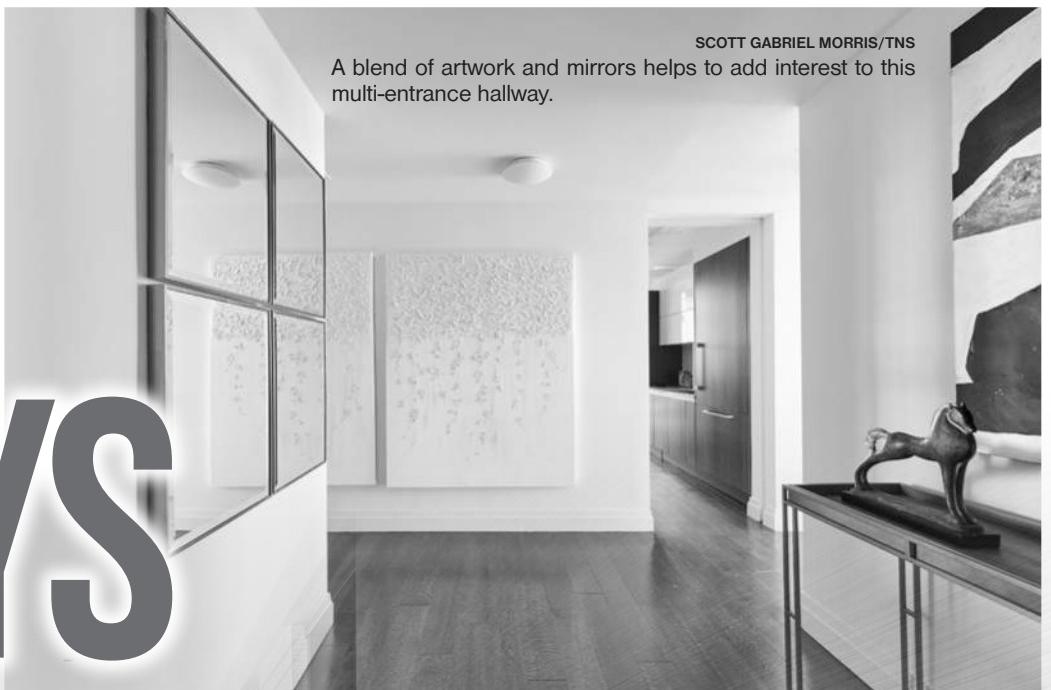
# Good Housekeeping

By CATHY HOBBS  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Hallways within a home play a key function as it relates to connecting rooms and spaces. Even so, they are often overlooked when it comes to decor. Often upon entry into a home, a hallway is one of the early spaces that makes a first impression, so making sure it shines for your guests is an absolute must. Here are some top Design Recipes do's and don'ts.



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## HOW TO HIGHLIGHT HALLWAYS

### DO'S

1. Do use mirrors to help make narrow hallways feel longer and wider.
2. Do use hallways as a chance to make a statement upon entry into a home.
3. Do use hallways as an opportunity to create a point of entry by adding a bench or console.
4. Do add elements of texture such as wallpaper along a hallway wall to add color and interest.
5. Do blend artwork and mirrors in a large hallway space.



### DON'TS

1. Don't ignore the items that are reflected in mirrors and windows along hallways.
2. Don't introduce too many colors in a hallway. Remember, hallways connect rooms and spaces and should be neutral and cohesive.
3. Don't overwhelm hallways with too many photographs and artwork. Often less is more.
4. Don't forget that lighting can play a role in highlighting a hallway, for example using a strong chandelier or pendant.
5. Don't ignore the opportunity to use a hallway as a focal point or place to a highlight in the home.

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS

A long hallway is lined with wallpaper to add texture and interest.

# Life & Style

## Olivia Newton-John, who played Sandy in ‘Grease,’ dies at 73

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Olivia Newton-John, the Grammy-winning superstar who reigned on pop, country, adult contemporary and dance charts with such hits as “Physical” and “You’re the One That I Want” and won countless hearts as everyone’s favorite Sandy in the blockbuster film version of “Grease,” has died. She was 73.

Newton-John, a longtime resident of Australia whose sales topped 100 million records, died Monday at her Southern California ranch, John Easterling, her husband, wrote on Instagram and Facebook.

“Olivia has been a symbol of triumphs and hope for over 30 years sharing her journey

with breast cancer,” he wrote. “We ask that everyone please respect the family’s privacy during this very difficult time.”

From 1973-83, Newton-John was among the world’s most popular entertainers. She had 14 top 10 singles just in the U.S., won four Grammys, starred with John Travolta in “Grease” and with Gene Kelly in “Xanadu.” The fast-stepping Travolta-Newton-John duet, “You’re the One That I Want,” was one of the era’s biggest songs and has sold more than 15 million copies.

“My dearest Olivia, you made all of our lives so much better,” Travolta wrote in an online post. “Your impact was incredible. I love you so much. We will see you down the road



Actress and singer Olivia Newton-John attends the 2018 G'Day USA Los Angeles Gala in Los Angeles on Jan. 27, 2018.

and we will all be together again. Yours from the moment I saw you and forever! Your Danny, your John!”

“Physical,” the bouncy, R-rated smash released in 1981, was No. 1 for 10 weeks and

was named Billboard’s song of the year despite being banned by some radio stations. An aerobics-friendly promotional clip, filmed in the early years of MTV, won a Grammy for best video.

Both musically and image-wise, she reinvented herself during those years. The blonde, ever-smiling Newton-John initially favored mild pop-country songs such as “Please Mr. Please” and “Have You Never Been Mellow” and soft-breathing ballads like “I Honestly Love You,” which in 1975 won Grammys for best female pop vocal and record of the year. But she picked up the tempo in “Grease,” especially after Sandy ditched her white sweaters and blouses for waist-high, black leather pants. “Physical” even made Newton-John blush as she told her would-be lover “There’s nothing left to talk about/Unless it’s horizontally” and finally called out “Let’s get animal! Animal!”

“I recorded it and then suddenly thought, ‘Goodness, maybe I’ve gone too far!’” she told Entertainment Weekly in

2017, recalling how the song had been suggested by manager Roger Davies. “I called Roger and said, ‘We’ve got to pull this song!’ He said, ‘It’s too late. It’s already gone to radio and it’s running up the charts.’ I was horrified!”

Fans flooded social media to mourn her death. “Farewell with love to the legend who will forever be my first crush,” wrote actor Daniel Dae Kim. Added Tracie Thoms: “Olivia Newton-John is an icon. We will miss her dearly.” Gabrielle Union said she and her sister watched “Xanadu” “more times than I could count.”

Australia’s acting Prime Minister Richard Marles described her death as feeling like the end of an era for a generation who grew up watching “Grease” and said, “It feels like the world is a little emptier without Olivia Newton-John as a part of it.”

Miller stars in the upcoming standalone film “The Flash,” due out in June 2023. Though Warner Bros. last week axed the nearly completed “Batgirl” film, the studio has suggested it remains committed to releasing “The Flash.”

In an earnings report last week, David Zaslav, chief executive of Warner Bros. Discovery referenced “The Flash.” “We have seen ‘The Flash,’ ‘Black Adam’ and ‘Shazam 2. We are very excited about them,” said Zaslav. “We think they are terrific, and we think we can make them even better.”

Representatives for Warner Bros. didn’t respond to messages Monday.

## Ezra Miller charged with felony burglary in Vermont

By JAKE COYLE  
AP FILM WRITER



Miller

midnight Sunday and was issued a citation to appear for arraignment in Vermont Superior Court on Sept. 26.

The felony charge adds to Miller’s mounting legal woes and reports of erratic behavior. The 29-year-old actor was arrested twice

earlier this year in Hawaii, including for disorderly conduct and harassment at a karaoke bar. The second incident was for second-degree assault.

The parents of 18-year-old Tokata Iron Eyes, a Native American activist, also earlier this year filed a protec-

tion order against Miller, accusing the actor of grooming their child and other inappropriate behavior with her as a minor from the age of 12. Tokata Iron Eyes recently told Insider that those allegations were false.

Attorneys for Miller didn’t immediately respond to requests for comment on the Vermont felony charge or the protection order related to Tokata Iron Eyes.

After appearing in several films for Warner Bros. and D.C. Films as the Flash,

## Filmmaker Lars von Trier diagnosed with Parkinson’s

Danish filmmaker Lars von Trier, known for films like “Melancholia” and “Dancer in the Dark,” has been diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, his production company Zentropa said Monday.

The company said it released the information in order to avoid speculation about his health leading up to the premiere of his series “The Kingdom Exodus” at the Venice Film Festival next month. Zentropa said von Trier, 66, was diagnosed at the beginning of the summer.

“Lars is in good spirits and is being treated for his symptoms,” producer Louise Vestrøm said in a statement. “And the work to complete ‘The Kingdom Exodus’ continues as planned.”

In his four decades of filmmaking, von Trier has won some of the most prestigious international film awards, including the Cannes Film Festival’s Palme d’Or for “Dancer in the Dark.” His films and comments have sometimes stirred up controversy as well. He was famously banned from Cannes for seven years after making comments sympathetic to Nazis during a 2011 press conference. Von Trier returned to the festival in 2018 with the serial killer drama “The House That Jack Built.”

“The Kingdom Exodus” is the third, and final, season of a series which first premiered in 1994 in Denmark, but have not been widely available. (AP)

Actor Ezra Miller has been charged with felony burglary in Stamford, Vermont, the latest in a string of incidents involving the embattled star of “The Flash.”

In a report Monday, Vermont State Police said they responded to a burglary complaint in Stamford on May 1 and found several bottles of alcohol were taken from a residence while the homeowners weren’t present. Miller was charged after police consulted surveillance footage and interviewed witnesses.

The police report said Miller was located shortly before

## Drunk uncle crosses the line with kiss

**D**EAR ABBY: I come from a large, close family. The majority of them live in another state. A couple of family members live in the same state I reside in. One night, my uncle came over and we were hanging out having drinks. We both drank too much and at some point, he started to kiss my neck. I told him to stop because he is family, and he did. Luckily, nothing more happened. The next day he texted and called profusely apologizing. I have been hurt, sad and angry ever since. He wanted to talk about it, but I didn’t.

We still see each other at family get-togethers since there are only a few of us out here. I haven’t told anyone, and it’s hard to keep this to myself, but I’m afraid that if I say something, it could cause a rift in my family. How do I get through this without hurting them? Should I confront him and tell him how this made me feel? Should I confide in a family member? Or must I just pretend it didn’t happen?

**EMOTIONAL IN ARIZONA**

**DEAR EMOTIONAL:** Do not pretend it didn’t happen. Because you feel the need to get this off your chest, tell your amorous uncle how hurt, angry and violated you felt by what he did. I see no reason why you should announce this

to the family for the reason you mentioned. However, do not see him alone or drink with him again.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have been babysitting my grandson, alternating with the other grandmother, for two years. She and I rarely see each other, but invariably, when we do, something I say gets repeated to the mother in a changed form. It causes my daughter-in-law to go ballistic on my son; never directly to me. Both of them have professional jobs and are in their 30s.

I have never felt valued or needed for myself or the service I provide for her, although my son frequently expresses appreciation privately to me. They hope to have their child enrolled in preschool in eight months, but I very much want to quit because yet another miscommunication occurred this week. My son makes excuses for his wife, but I think she should talk to me directly, so I can refute what her mother says.

I’m told her mother has a “listening issue” that my daughter-in-law is aware of, but apparently that doesn’t matter when it comes to me. I’m pretty sure that whether I continue or leave now, I will rarely see them or the baby once he starts preschool, although we live only 20 minutes away. What should I do?

**GRANDMA’S MESS IN NEW JERSEY**

## DEAR ABBY

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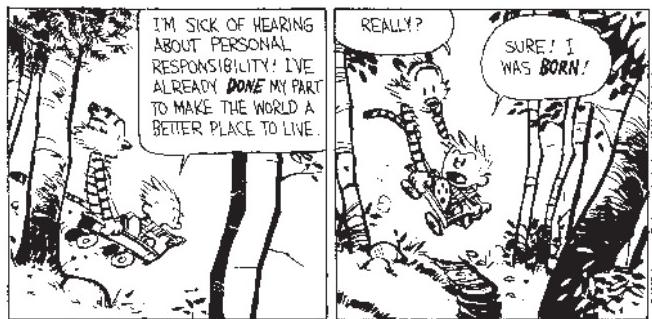
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**DEAR MESS:** My advice is to smile and continue babysitting your grandchild until preschool starts. If you quit now, it will only give your daughter-in-law another excuse to blame you and curtail interactions with you in the future. If you choose to keep doing it, you will have an eight-month window for your grandchild to bond with you, which bodes well for the future.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in “The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It.” To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

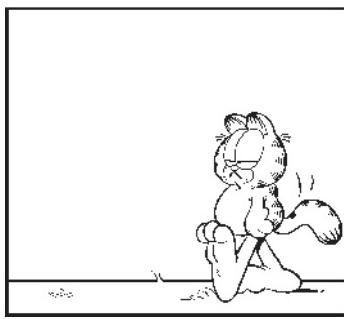
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes



By Bill Watterson

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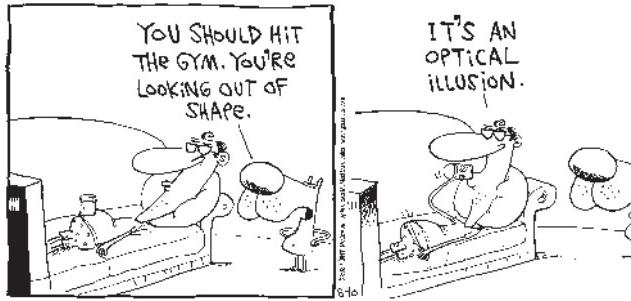
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## Adam@home



By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex



By Glenn McCoy

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By Eugene Sheffer

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**Happy Birthday:** Dive in and get things done your way. Don't waste time waiting for someone to come to your rescue or solve your problems. Trust in your ability to get things done, and take advantage of opportunities that develop. Make this a pivotal point in your life and follow your heart. Please yourself instead of vying for other people's approval. Your numbers are 9, 17, 24, 28, 36, 45, 47.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Reach out to people you feel comfortable working alongside, and you'll form a group that will help you make a difference. Your determination will pay off and offer insights into exciting alternatives to how you work and live. ★★★★



**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Don't whine about what you don't have. Change the dynamics of a situation to ensure you don't miscalculate reaching your destination. If you want something, it's up to you to physically make it happen. Choose to live a healthy lifestyle. ★★



**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Take a unique path, but be honest with yourself regarding the outcome. What you learn will help you differentiate between what you want and what you need. Putting less pressure on yourself will help you visualize what's possible. ★★★



**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Keep life simple and promises doable. The help you offer others will not be in vain. Reach out and use life experience to encourage

age others to strive to reform or be their best. Those you help will reciprocate with love and gratitude. ★★★

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Be aware of manipulative people. Someone will make you look bad if given a chance. Use your charm and attributes to get your way. Monitor any change to your earnings until you gain the financial comfort you desire. ★★★



**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Address your to-do list and put an end to unfinished business. A change of attitude coupled with an aggressive, hands-on approach will help you build momentum and clear a passage for bigger and better opportunities. Positive change leads to personal happiness. ★★★★



**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be secretive about how you feel or who you dislike. Avoid getting involved in situations that ask too much of you or cause you to overreact or overindulge. Find a nice way to say no to something that isn't inviting. ★★



**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Reach out to anyone who can shed light on a situation. Observing how others react will give insight into how to go about your business without taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Romance will improve a personal connection. ★★★



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Truth matters; offer only what you know you can handle, and spend more time with people who are likely to stand up for you in a time of need. Educational pursuits will help you modify your plans to fit trends. ★★★



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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Go over every detail explicitly, and you will avoid unwanted surprises on your quest for success. Choose simplicity and moderation over trying to make an impression. Be yourself, and you'll discover where you stand and what's possible to achieve. ★★★



**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): By not taking on something you are unfamiliar with, you'll ward off complaints. Concentrate on personal improvements and looking and feeling your best. Ignore what others do or suggest if it doesn't fit your routine. Satisfy your needs first. ★★★



**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Consider how to amplify your skills, and you'll discover how to bring in extra cash. Keep up with the times and technology, and be aware of financial trends and investments that raise your profile and your ability to expand your pursuits. ★★★



**BIRTHDAY BABY:** You are aggressive, stubborn and intentional. You are insightful and persistent.

●: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ★: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ★★★: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ★★★★: Aim high; start new projects. ★★★★★: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

3	2			5	7		
1		9	7		8		
	3	2			6		
	2	8			9		
7		9			3		
8			1		5		
7			5		2		
3			4		1		

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

2	5	9	7	3	1	6	8	4
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4	3	1	6	5	8	7	2	9
3	9	7	5	6	2	8	4	1
1	2	8	3	4	7	9	6	5
6	4	5	1	8	9	3	7	2
7	6	3	4	1	5	2	9	8
9	1	2	8	7	3	4	5	6
5	8	4	9	2	6	1	3	7

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## WONDERWORD

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

# Source: Durant reiterates desire to be traded by Brooklyn

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

 Kevin Durant has again told Brooklyn Nets owner Joe Tsai that he wants to be traded, reiterating a request he first made nearly six weeks ago, a person with knowledge of the matter confirmed Monday night.

Durant also told Tsai that he has concerns about the Nets' direction under coach Steve Nash and general manager Sean Marks, said the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither the perennial All-Star nor the team confirmed details of the talks publicly.

The Athletic first reported details of the latest Durant-Tsai meeting.

"Our front office and coaching staff have my support," Tsai tweeted Monday night. "We will make decisions in the best interest of the Brooklyn Nets."

This is the latest phase of a saga that began June 30, when Durant told the Nets he wanted a trade just as this summer's free agent period was beginning. Durant isn't a free agent; he has four years and



Brooklyn Nets forward Kevin Durant (7) drives against Boston Celtics guard Jaylen Brown, right, during the first half of Game 4 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series April 25, 2022, in New York. AP

## What will it take to get Brittney Griner home?

 WASHINGTON (AP)—Now that WNBA star Brittney Griner has been convicted of drug possession and sentenced to nine years in prison, attention turns to the prospect of a prisoner swap between the United States and Russia that could get her home.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken went public with that possibility last week, revealing in an unusual announcement that the U.S. had made a "substantial proposal" aimed at securing the release of Griner and another jailed American, Paul Whelan.

With her court case concluded and her sentence pronounced, such a deal — assuming one can be reached with the Russians — is Griner's best chance of being freed early.

Though the guilty verdict was seen as a foregone conclusion, the imposition of a sentence her lawyers decried as far longer than average could give the U.S. extra impetus to strike a deal palatable to Russia as soon as possible. And the formal end of the court case could be the opening both sides need to forge a diplomatic resolution, too.

A look at what's at stake:

### WHAT DID THE US OFFER?

Blinken did not specify the



WNBA star and two-time Olympic gold medalist Brittney Griner is escorted from a court room after a hearing, in Khimki just outside Moscow, Russia, Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022. AP

terms other than to describe the offer as substantial and something that he intended to discuss with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

A person familiar with the situation said that the U.S. offered to release Viktor Bout, a convicted Russian arms dealer serving a 25-year prison sentence on charges that he conspired to sell tens of millions of dollars in weapons to Colombia's former FARC guerrilla army. At the time of his conviction, the group was classified by the U.S. as a

foreign terrorist organization, though that designation was lifted last year.

The officials did wind up speaking by phone last Friday, the highest-level known contact between the two sides since Russia invaded Ukraine. They are also in Cambodia for meetings involving foreign ministers of Southeast Asian countries.

### WHAT HAS BEEN THE RUSSIAN RESPONSE?

Minimal, at least in public. Blinken did not provide de-

tails after his call with Lavrov about his response. The Russians gave no hint about their interest in the offer, other than a statement chiding the U.S. to pursue the Americans' freedom through "quiet diplomacy, without releases of speculative information."

On Monday, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the Russian government had responded in a "bad faith" manner with an offer that U.S. officials did not regard as serious. She did not elaborate, though CNN reported last week that Moscow also wanted the release of a former colonel from one of its spy agencies who was convicted of murder in Germany last year.

### WOULD THERE BE A PRECEDENT FOR A PRISONER SWAP?

In many ways, yes — and a recent one too. In April, Russia traded Marine veteran Trevor Reed, convicted of a physical altercation with police in Moscow, for Konstantin Yaroshenko, a Russian pilot imprisoned for a cocaine trafficking conspiracy.

Yet that involved a Russian with far less notoriety than Bout, a former Soviet air force officer who once inspired a Hollywood movie and who earned the nickname the "Merchant of Death" over allegations that he supplied

weapons used for civil wars in countries around the globe. He has adamantly maintained his innocence.

But there's not much recent precedent for public discussions of prisoner swaps, at least by the U.S. government, before the deal is done and planes are in the air. That's what made Blinken's announcement from the State Department briefing room all the more striking.

On one hand, it seemed intended to communicate to the public that the administration will do whatever it needs to do to bring home wrongfully detained Americans.

But such a public overture also risks weakening the administration's negotiating hand to the extent it makes the U.S. look overly desperate for a deal, or signals to other countries that it is willing to meet potentially unreasonable demands.

### SO WILL THE DEAL TAKE PLACE?

It's hard to say, but the contact between Blinken and Lavrov does suggest more progress than has been made before. It also reinforces the idea that the two countries are willing to maintain communication despite extraordinary tensions related to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

Griner is the most prominent American detained by a foreign country. She is a two-time Olympic gold medalist detained since February when

\$198 million remaining on his contract with the Nets, who will undoubtedly demand a haul of players and draft picks in any trade agreement for the 12-time All-Star, four-time scoring champion, three-time Olympic gold medalist and two-time NBA champion.

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver has never been a fan of trade demands going public.

"This needs to be a two-way street," Silver said last month. "Teams provide enormous security and guarantees to players and the expectation is, in return, they will meet their end of the bargain. I'm realistic that there's always conversations that are going to go on behind closed doors between players and their representatives and the teams. But we don't like to see players requesting trades, and we don't like to see it playing out the way it is."

Durant has spent three seasons with Brooklyn, not playing in the first of those years while he recovered from a torn Achilles. He averaged 29.9 points in 55 games last season, after leading the U.S. to Olympic gold at the Tokyo Games last summer.

police said they found vape cartridges containing cannabis oil in her luggage at an airport in Moscow. And though some Republicans including former President Donald Trump have expressed opposition to a deal, the conviction and sentence will only ramp up pressure on the administration to reach an agreement that can get her out soon.

"Today's sentencing of Brittney Griner was severe by Russian legal standards and goes to prove what we have known all along, that Brittney is being used as a political pawn," Lindsay Kagawa Colas, Griner's agent, tweeted Thursday.

She said getting a deal done for Griner and Whelan, a Michigan corporate security executive imprisoned on an espionage conviction he and his family says is baseless, may be difficult but it is "urgent" and the "right thing to do." The U.S. government also regards Whelan as wrongfully convicted.

For their part, Russian authorities have suggested that they regard a conviction as basically a prerequisite for a prisoner swap.

On Thursday, President Joe Biden again urged Russia to release Griner immediately.

"My administration will continue to work tirelessly and pursue every possible avenue to bring Brittney and Paul Whelan home safely as soon as possible," he said in a statement.

# Bassitt goes 8, Marte homers as Mets increase NL East lead



(AP)—Chris Bassitt scattered eight hits over eight innings and Starling Marte hit a two-run homer in the first, leading the New York Mets to a 5-1 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

With their 13th victory in 15 games, the Mets extended their NL East lead to seven games over idle Atlanta. New York just took four of five from the defending World Series champions at Citi Field last weekend.

Bassitt (9-7) allowed an unearned run and walked one while striking out eight in his second eight-inning outing this season and fifth in 114 career starts. He threw 114 pitches before getting pulled by manager Buck Showalter, most by a Mets starter this year and two shy of his career high set in August 2019.

"I want to go 115 or 120 pitches every start," Bassitt said before grinning. "But Buck don't let me."

Bassitt has thrown at least 100 pitches in a start 25 times since the beginning of 2019.

"I've done that for years. BoMel (ex-Athletics manager Bob Melvin) did that with me in Oakland and I think genuinely that's why they brought me over here, for just that reason," Bassitt said. "I'm not afraid to go over 100 pitches and it really doesn't affect me."

Bassitt's five-pitch assortment included a mid-90s (mph) fastball and a low-70s curveball. He faced the minimum through three innings before wriggling out of trouble the rest of the night. The Reds scored in the fourth, when he induced three fielder's choice groundouts — all from second baseman Jeff McNeil to shortstop Francisco Lindor.

The right-hander began a 1-6-3 double play to end the fifth and left the bases loaded in the sixth, when he got Aristides Aquino to line out.

"Give him a lot of credit. It's like you get something going and because of all that, he knows how to get out of it," Reds manager David Bell said.

Cincinnati stranded two more in the seventh before Jake Fraley was left at first in the eighth, when Bassitt struck out Aquino on three pitches following a visit from pitching coach Jeremy Hefner.

"Just moxie — he's such a competitive guy," Showalter said. "Just a guy that likes to compete and do what is expected of him."

## Yankees 9, Mariners 4

In Seattle, Aaron Judge hit his 44th homer, Josh Donaldson



New York Mets' Chris Bassitt pitches during the first inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds, Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, in New York.

went deep and drove in three runs, and New York snapped a five-game losing streak by beating Seattle.

Donaldson doubled twice and Andrew Benintendi also had two doubles and three RBIs as the Yankees hammered Mariners pitching. But it wasn't a perfect night — Matt Carpenter broke his left foot when he fouled off a pitch in the first inning.

Donaldson and Benintendi got it started as New York knocked around Logan Gilbert (10-5) for seven earned runs and 10 hits — six for extra bases — in four-plus innings.

That was plenty for Jameson Taillon (11-2), who scattered three hits over seven innings. He gave up solo home runs to Mitch Haniger and Cal Raleigh, but otherwise avoided major damage.

## Giants 1, Padres 0

In San Diego, Alex Wood held San Diego to three singles in 6 1/3 innings and San Francisco benefited from an overturned call at the plate to beat the sputtering Padres.

Giants reliever Camino Doval retired the heart of San Diego's order in the ninth — Juan Soto, Manny Machado and Josh Bell — to earn his 15th save.

It was the fifth straight loss and second consecutive shutout for the Padres, who fell to 1-5 since obtaining Soto and Bell in a blockbuster trade last Tuesday. Their streak of scoreless innings reached 23 dating to Saturday.

San Diego's lead over Milwaukee for the NL's third wild card is down to one game.

Wood (8-9) struck out five and walked none.

Blake Snell (4-6) allowed

one run in 5 2/3 innings, striking out eight.

## Orioles 7, Blue Jays 4

In Baltimore, Ramón Urías hit a three-run homer in the first inning, and Anthony Santander, Ryan Mountcastle and Austin Hays also went deep to lift Baltimore over Toronto.

The Orioles, who entered the day two games behind

Seattle and Tampa Bay for the final two wild cards in the American League, pulled within three of Toronto for the first wild card. This was the first of 15 meetings down the stretch between the Blue Jays and Orioles.

Baltimore starter Jordan Lyles (9-8) yielded two runs and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings. Félix Bautista got four outs for his fifth save.

## Rose dismisses sexual misconduct questions at Phillies fete

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Pete Rose dismissed questions Sunday about his first appearance on the field in Philadelphia since the franchise scrapped 2017 plans to honor him because of a woman's claim she had a sexual relationship with baseball's hit king when she was a minor.

"It was 55 years ago, babe," Rose told a female baseball writer for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Rose, though, had no trouble reminiscing about the 1980 World Series champion Phillies team — it was 42 years ago, Pete — that was honored before Sunday's game.

After initially getting booed lightly, the 81-year-old Rose received a standing ovation from Phillies fans — many not even born or too young to remember baseball's hit king in his prime — when he walked onto the Citizens Bank Park field for the first time since he received a lifetime ban from Major League Baseball in August 1989.

"They made me feel real good today," Rose said of the cheers. "I don't want to say I expected it. I guess I did expect it from Philly fans. That's the way they are. They love their sports heroes."

Rose's lawyer had said the woman's claims were unverified.

Rose acknowledged in 2017 that he did have a relationship with the woman, but he said it started when she was 16. He

Cavan Biggio and Matt Chapman homered for the Blue Jays. Vladimir Guerrero Jr. extended his hitting streak to 19 games, longest in the AL this year.

Yusei Kikuchi (4-6) allowed five runs and six hits in five-plus innings.

Baltimore has won six of seven.

## Cubs 6, Nationals 3

In Chicago, Keegan Thompson pitched six effective innings, and rookies Nelson Velázquez and Christopher Morel homered in the third as Chicago beat skidding Washington.

Thompson (9-5) gave up five hits and didn't walk a batter. Luke Voit homered in the sixth to end the shutout bid.

Pinch-hitter Joey Meneses launched a two-run homer for the Nationals in the eighth. Rowan Wick pitched a scoreless ninth for his fifth save.

Velázquez's homer highlighted the first three-hit game of his career.

The Nationals (36-75) dropped their sixth straight and have been outscored 51-20 during that span. Anibal Sanchez (0-5) pitched five-plus innings, the longest outing by a Nationals starter during their losing streak.

## Angels 1, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Calif., José

Suarez struck out eight in seven superb innings to outpitch fellow lefty Cole Irvin in Los Angeles' victory over Oakland.

Luis Rengifo homered in the first and it held up. Suarez (4-4) gave up two hits while earning his second straight win against the Athletics. He hasn't allowed an earned run in his last 18 innings.

Aaron Loup pitched the eighth and Ryan Tepera finished for his second save to close out the two-hit shutout in just 2 hours, 14 minutes.

Irvin (6-9) permitted five hits in eight innings and struck out six. He also lost to the Angels last week despite allowing only two runs in six innings.

## Diamondbacks 3, Pirates 0

In Phoenix, Zac Gallen pitched seven dominant innings, Ketel Marte hit a two-run single in the eighth and Arizona blanked Pittsburgh.

Gallen (7-2) gave up three hits and two walks while striking out eight on 89 pitches. The seven innings matched a career high he's reached 13 times.

Joe Mantiply worked a perfect eighth and Ian Kennedy handled the ninth for his seventh save.

Pirates reliever Manny Banuelos (0-1) took the loss.

## Phillies 1, Indians 0

him. In addition, the club received permission from the Commissioner's Office to invite Pete as a member of the championship team."

The original 1980 anniversary celebration was postponed for two seasons because of the pandemic.

A 17-time All-Star, Rose got 826 of his 4,256 hits during his five years playing for the Phillies from 1979-83. There are no immediate plans for Rose to get inducted in Philadelphia's Wall of Fame.

"Anybody would like to be on the Wall of Fame," Rose said. "I don't know who made that decision, but God bless them. They made it for a reason. I'm still here today for the biggest event in a long time here in Philadelphia. I'm sitting right here talking to you guys. Everything evens out."

Rose agreed to the lifetime ban after an investigation for MLB by lawyer John Dowd found that Rose placed numerous bets on the Cincinnati Reds to win from 1985-87 while playing for and managing the team.

Rose has asked MLB to end his lifetime ban.

"He also did some things wrong and got in trouble for it," Boone said, "but there he is."

# Kosebakl keeps pace with Queens of the Diamond



MARK RABAGO

Kosebakl players pose for a group photo after beating 670 Babes in the women's division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

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Kosebakl beat 670 Babes, 5-2, last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field to tie Queens of the Diamond atop the women's division of

the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League.

Pitcher Jennie Scalliem made noise with her bat when her sacrifice fly in the fifth brought home Angela Muna to break a 2-2 tie.

Kosebakl then piled on insurance runs in the sixth when Herminia Kelly and Sonia Isaac crossed home plate following an impressive double by Kayla Kaipat.

670 Babes actually were on the board first after Tiah

the other hand, drew goals from Francisco Maratita, Namai-Scoggins, and Landon Springer to eliminate TanHoldings and set up a division title showdown against Kanoa.

TanHoldings went on to settle for third place after edging Matansa, 1-0, in the consolation match in the boys U13 division. Jerz Navarro made the lone goal for TanHoldings.

Earlier in the girls U13 division finals, TanHoldings was the first one to go through a penalty shootout to down Kanoa, 1-0.

Kaye Anne Costales knocked in the game-winner for TanHoldings in the shootout and was the same player that put the team on the board in the second half. Kanoa took the shaky lead at the start of the second half after getting a goal from Aubrey White in the fourth minute, but failed to hang on to the driver's seat, as Costales came into TanHoldings' rescue in the 17th minute. Costales then completed her heroics with a goal in the

penalty shootout.

Before her strong finish in the finals, Costales registered a pair of goals in TanHoldings' 3-1 victory over Southern United FC 1 in the semis. Alyza Marie De Belon logged the other goal for TanHoldings, while Kaila Mendiola scored the only goal for Southern United FC 1.

In the other semis game in the girls U13, Kanoa eked out a 3-2 win over Matansa.

White had a hat-trick for Kanoa with her third and last one posted in the closing minutes of the game handing Kanoa the semis victory. White had the upper hand in her duel against fellow striker Alyssa Borlongan, who knocked inn the twin goals for Matansa.

Borlongan also nailed a pair in their 4-2 triumph over Southern United FC-1 in the battle for third place. Hailey Benavente recorded the two other goals for Matansa, while Southern got both of its goals from Selena Atalig.

the powerhouse team from Fiji, while Cruz and Ramsay settled for fourth place after bowing to Vanuatu in the battle for third.

Cruz said what impressed him the most during the weeklong tournament was the development of teenage netter Elliot.

"We saw a lot of growth from Hye Jin in particular. She was excited and even though she lost in the finals, she was excited because she thought it's such a high level of tennis and was impressed how she found a new level in her game because no one on Saipan could really push her. She saw she can compete against the best and she's excited to see what kind of im-

provement she can make in the next year."

He added that the sky's the limit to the Saipan International School student if she continues to work hard.

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"I'm so proud of how Isabel and I played throughout this tournament. Being unseeded we definitely pushed through and fought hard to place second."

Camacho scored on a fielding error by Ving Ngiriblosch.

Kosebakl tied it when a single by Keyona Tudela scored Ngiriblosch in the third inning.

Scalliem and company would then take the lead in the next inning when Shayene Matsumoto singled in Kelly for a 2-1 Kosebakl advantage.

But Lizanne Guerrero would retaliate with a run of her own following consecutive singles by Semerina Simram, Julieann Guerrero, and Erlina Naputi to make it 2-2.

Scalliem then promptly silenced 670 Babes from the fifth inning onward.

Kelly went 2-3 at bat with two runs, while Ngiriblosch was equally impressive also going 2-3 with one run and a double to lead Kosebakl to the win. Kai-pat and Matsumoto also each had RBIs.

Losing pitcher Simian went 2-3 on the plate and also had a run for 670 Babes. Guerrero also batted in a run, same with Caitlyn Blaney. It was the third straight win

against zero losses for Kosebakl, while the win dropped 670 Babes to 1-2.

The only other women's division game Sunday between Hotshots and Tokehaol Ladies was rained out.

The three games that were played in the men's division last Sunday between Man Amigos and Momma Charo, Asahi and Peleliu, and Salty Boys and Aimeliik will be published in tomorrow's edition of *Saipan Tribune*.



## KANOA

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Gil, Donald Tagabuel, Ronald Manabat, Ryder Mendiola, Aiden Reyes, Arstin and Jayson Tagabuel, Maximus Taitano, and Izaiah Tenorio.

Matsumoto also scored earlier in their semis win over Matansa, 1-0, to bring Kanoa to the finals. MP United, on

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	71	39	.645	
Toronto	60	49	.550	10½
Tampa Bay	58	50	.537	12
Baltimore	57	52	.523	13½
Boston	54	56	.491	17

##### Central Division

Minnesota	57	51	.528	
Cleveland	56	52	.519	1
Chicago	55	53	.509	2
Kansas City	44	65	.404	13½
Detroit	43	67	.391	15

##### West Division

Houston	70	40	.636	
Seattle	59	52	.532	11½
Texas	48	60	.444	21
Los Angeles	47	63	.427	23
Oakland	41	69	.373	29

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

New York	71	39	.645	
Atlanta	64	46	.582	7
Philadelphia	60	48	.556	10
Miami	49	59	.454	21
Washington	36	75	.324	35½

##### Central Division

St. Louis	60	48	.556	
Milwaukee	58	50	.537	2
Chicago	44	64	.407	16
Cincinnati	44	64	.407	16
Pittsburgh	44	65	.404	16½

##### West Division

Los Angeles	75	33	.694	
San Diego	61	51	.545	16
San Francisco	54	55	.495	21½
Arizona	49	59	.454	26
Colorado	48	63	.432	28½

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Nations Cup.

"We're feeling really good. Fiji played amazing so it's a well deserved win for them. We battled hard in singles and we want to thank you for the support you gave us and for making this trip [to the Pacific Nations Cup] possible."

Ramsay said he and Cruz will only come back with better resolve after falling short on a podium finish in Fiji.

"It's a really tough loss for us. But we gained a lot in terms of experience and we're ready to train and we're ready to come back stronger. Just wanna say thank you to all who supported us. It's such an amazing event with teams from the Pacific and everybody here."



Isa Ha'ani Long, second from right, poses with other participants of last month's 2022 California OCB Bay Area Amateur Bikini Bodybuilding Championships in San Leandro, California.

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## Kanoa, TanHoldings top Summer Cup

**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Players and coaches of Kanoa Football Club Boys U13 team pose for a photo after beating MP United in the finals in the NMIFA Youth Summer Cup 2022 last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.



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**K**anoa Football Club and TanHoldings Football Club clinched the championships in their respective divisions in the NMIFA Youth Summer Cup 2022 last Saturday.

Kanoa FC pulled off a 2-1 victory in a penalty shootout against MP United Football Club during the boys U13 finals at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Akoni Matsumoto and Aldric John Antonio delivered the goods for Kanoa. Matsumoto's conversion put Kanoa on top after the opposing teams had a scoreless draw



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TanHoldings FC players gather for a photo before their finals game against Kanoa FC in the girls U13 division of the NMIFA Youth Summer Cup 2022 last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

## Isa Long also places in bodybuilding tourney

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**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Isa Ha'ani Long made an outstanding debut in the world of bodybuilding by finishing second and taking two third place trophies in the 2022 California OCB Bay Area Amateur Bikini Bodybuilding Championships held last July 23 at the San Leandro Arts Center in San Leandro, California.

The co-valedictorian of the Tinian High School Class of 2022 finished second in the novice class, third in the debut class, and third again in the open class.

Considering it's her first bodybuilding competition ever, Long was understandably thrilled by her achievement.

"After taking second in novice and third in open as well as third in debut, I was shocked and really happy.



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Isa Ha'ani Long went home with three trophies in her bodybuilding debut in last month's 2022 California OCB Bay Area Amateur Bikini Bodybuilding Championships.

Since this was my first competition I wasn't expecting much, considering I was competing in the States and I was the youngest competitor. However, I was really happy with the results," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Long said placing in her first bodybuilding competition wasn't a piece of cake. In fact, she said it took a lot of sacrifice and commitment on her part.

"I spent some months building muscle then went into preparation for 16 weeks leading up to my competition. I have been going to the gym for around three years now and I decided to take up bodybuilding to form a better relationship with my nutrition and challenge myself both mentally and physically," she said.

Her father, Tinian Chamber of Commerce president Philip Mendiola-Long, said he and his wife are mighty

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## Race: Everyone gave their all

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Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association president Jeff Race is proud that both the men's and women's teams of the CNMI finished in the Top 4 of last week's 2022 Pacific Nations Cup held in

Lautoka, Fiji.

"Having both the men's and women's team reach the semifinals, with the women advancing to the final, was great to see. I know that everyone gave it their all," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The CNMI sports hall of famer and CNMI national tennis coach also thanked the

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From left, playing coach Bobby Cruz Isabel Heras, Hye Jin Elliot, and Colin Sinclair pose with the trophies during the awards ceremony of the 2022 Pacific Nations Cup in Lautoka, Fiji.